

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM Miss Goddard  
TO Miss Voss  
RE:

DATE June 9, 1930

In your notes on Haines House you raised a question in regard to the Farm. I spoke to Dr. Montgomery about this and he said that as far as his department was concerned he was perfectly willing that we should take the responsibility for the land, or at least such part of it as we desired to use. He referred me to Mr. Banks who stated that he felt we should have the question cleared. I believe there is some difficulty connected with the title to this land which Mr. Banks is now trying to clear up and as soon as this is attended to some definite understanding should be had with all concerned. You will probably want to talk this over with Mr. Banks when you have an opportunity.

Assistant in the Division

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Haines House

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Miss Goddard

Mr. Brauer

September 13, 1930

Miss Jane Barber, our new executive at Haines House, has raised a question in regard to insurance on the barn and contents at Haines. I believe that you are carrying insurance at the present time on the barn for \$750 under the Home Board property. Since the barn is being used in our work I presume it should be included with our insurance. Miss Barber reports the contents as follows:

Oats crop, approx. value \$600

Stock, exclusive of horse 900

Hay - several hundred dollars (She gives no definite figure for this)

Will you take out the amount of insurance which you think is advisable in this case.

Assistant in the Division

FMG:J



INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM Mr. Brauer  
TO Miss Goddard  
RE: Haines, Alaska - Barn

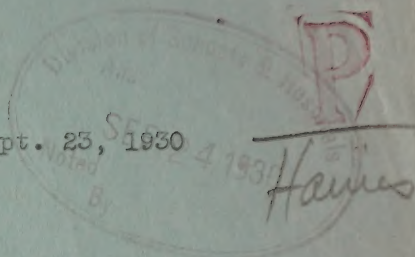
DATE Sept. 23, 1930

In accordance with your advice regarding the insurance on the "barn" at Haines, Alaska, we have added \$450 insurance, making a total of \$1,200 carried on this building.

Inasmuch as the building is used in connection with the work of the Division of Schools and Hospitals, we have transferred the premium charge from the "Home Board" to your Division.

GRB/HD

*Gruber*



*Alaskan*

*Spalding*

Haines House

Haines, Alaska

Conducted by

The Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

*Spalding*

Jane Barber, Director  
Emma A. Jackson, Director

*Prof Haines*

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Oct 17; 1930

Miss Edna R. Voss  
156 Fifth Ave  
New York City  
New York

My dear Miss Voss:

In regard to the Bromley property, I shall try to get something done. The grounds all around the Mission property are in a disgraceful state. With two men on the place we should be able to do something when Mr. Swets returns.

There is a question<sup>g</sup> up regarding the water situation. I have written Major Spalding for an official copy of any agreement made with the Post regarding water. The Quartermaster claims that we are required to repair all the town pipes going through the property. I will write again as soon as I get official word.

Sincerely yours,

*Jane Barber*



64-1  
September 30, 1930

My dear Miss Barber:

Just between us what are the Bromleys doing about fencing off their yard and garden from the rest of our Haines House property? I have been rather in hopes they would do this so that we might fix up the rest of the grounds. We have never felt that we could landscape garden that corner down by the wharf because it seemed to belong more to the Bromleys than to us, being nearer the old manse, but now that they have moved we can do so. I have felt a little hesitant, however, about suggesting their fencing off a section within which they could do as they pleased. Perhaps you can approach the subject tactfully if it is still in abeyance.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss  
Secretary

Miss Jane Barber  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
ERV:J

Dictated by Miss Voss but  
signed in her absence.

Memorandum

For the Files

January 9, 1931.

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Haines

The attached is a copy of the Water Agreement between Haines House and the town of Haines, Alaska. This should be placed in the permanent file.

FMG:EP

L. H. Goddard  
Assistant in the Division



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The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States Of America, jointly with the Town of Haines, Alaska, herein after called the licensees, are hereby granted a license, revocable at will by the Secretary of War, to receive water for hospital and domestic use and fire protection from the Water Supply of Fort William H. Seward, Alaska, through pipes and mains now owned by licensees and connected with government main; and to install and maintain meter for the purpose of measuring the amount of water consumed by licensees for the uses herein stipulated, subject to the following conditions;

1. That the licensees shall furnish their proportionate share of labor, equipment and material necessary for the upkeep and maintenance of the Water Supply System of Fort William H. Seward, Alaska, such proportionate share of labor, equipment and material to be determined by the Commanding Officer, Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska, from meter readings of the meters to be installed and maintained hereunder by the licensees.

2. That expenses, including labor, equipment and material incident to the installation and maintenance of the meters herein authorized shall be borne by the licensees, and the work of installing and maintaining said meters shall be subject to the supervision and approval of the Commanding Officer, Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska.

3. That the shut-off heretofore maintained, giving the government control of the water flowing through the pipes and mains of the licensees, shall be continued.

4. That the pipes and mains maintained by licensees and connecting with the government Water Supply System shall not exceed four (4) inches in diameter.

5. That the Government Schools at Haines, Alaska, shall be connected with and supplied water from the pipes and mains of the licensees herein-authorized.

6. That this license is given in lieu of the license, dated April 7, 1909, authorizing said Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in



the United States of America, jointly with George Vogle, R. M. Odell, H. Fay, and J.W.Martin, as a Committee on behalf of the Town of Haines, Alaska, " to construct, operate and maintain a water pipe connection with, and through said connections obtain a water supply from, the Water supply from, the Water Supply System at Fort William H. Seward, Alaska, for purposes of hospital and domestic use, and fire protection"; and which said licenses of April 7, 1909, is hereby revoked.

WITNESS my hand this 6th day of September, 1923.

John W. Weeks,

SECRETARY OF WAR.

A TRUE COPY:

F.J. RILEY

F.J. Riley, Major, Q.M.C.

A TRUE COPY:

(Signed) John R. Tighe

John R. Tighe,  
1st Lieut Q.M.Corps.



November 11, 1930

ALASKA

BUILDINGS ERECTED IN LAST 5 YEARS

Haines House

1927 - Wheeler Cottage	\$25,000.	
Remodeling old building	<u>3,000.</u>	\$28,000.

Sheldon Jackson

1926 - Workers Cottage	\$ 5,900.	
Infirmary	16,000.	
Heating Plant	15,000.	
Re-shingling buildings	5,000.	
1927 - Practice Cottage (to replace fire loss)	7,500.	
1928 - Special repairs	1,680.	
1929 - Industrial Building	50,000.	
Hydro-electric plant and replacing pipe line	14,500.	
1930 - Addition to practice cottage	<u>2,000.</u>	<u>\$117,580.</u>
		\$145,580.



HAINES HOUSE, HAINES ALASKA

Jane Barber, Director

3/6/31

Jan 30; 1931

Miss Edna R. Voss  
156 Fifth Ave  
New York City  
New York

My dear Miss Voss:

It seems that there are so many things come up here that I do not know about and no one here seems to be able to help me with. I know that you folks in New York have plenty to handle with out haveng to bother with so many little details here.

Some time ago you asked me to find out about the corner of land southeast of Bromley's house. I broached the subject to Mr. Bromley some time ago but got no where. Last week I asked him about the survey of the land and found that the corner belongs to the church property. In regard to the extent of the property belonging to the Haines House, he said that as we cleared land it automatically became part of our property. This, it seems to me, is bad business. Mr. Swets says the same about the extent. He (Mr. Swets) and I would like to have something definite and Mr. Bromley is very much in favor of turning it all over to us except that part lying south of the root house. and the post road. This would give us the responsibility of taking care of the native houses on our land. The houses are a disgrace to the town and some of them have been vacated for a long time. Mr. Swets and I are willing to take over this responsibility if we can have some definite understanding as to just how far our land shall go and have it in writing. I can assure you that there will be no trouble with Mr. Bromley about this as he would like to be relieved of the responsibility as he does not like to do the unpleasant tasks and collecting lease money from those natives is not pleasant. Mr. Bromley and I have worked very well together and I feel that he has been misjudged by the native people, however, I am much aware of his weaknesses.

Every mission field has its problems and as I learn more about the work here, I will not need to take them all to you. I have appreciated the way in which the New York office has stood by me and I honestly wish that I could feel that my work is here but I do not.

Most sincerely yours,

Jane Barber



Miss Goddard  
Miss Voss

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February 19, 1931. *P*

I talked with Dr. Montgomery about the attached letter from Miss Jane Barber and he thought that her suggestion was a very good one. In discussing the question I suggested that we might ask Miss Barber, together with Mr. Svets and Mr. Bromley, to draw a diagram showing just what part of the property the workers at Haines House ought to be responsible for and what Mr. Bromley should take care of. It might be well to have them send in a written recommendation signed by all three. Have you any suggestions to make?

FMG:EP

Assistant in the Division

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BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

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*Florence M. Goddard*  
Assistant in the Division



March 6, 1931

My dear Miss Barber:

Before going any further in straightening out our property interests at Haines I should like to have from you a penciled drawing of the property which the whold Board owns at Hainse, showing roadways, all buildings as near as possible in their exact positions, cleared land, pasture, gardens, etc. On this I should like you to indicate either in different colored pencil or in some distinctive way just what you recommend as a division of responsibility. If your recommendation can be approved by Mr. Bromley, so much the better. Also let us know exactly what your recommendation would involve. Something has been said of some old cottages occupied by natives which must be insured and kept in repair. At present the Division of Church Extension and Missions is carrying this expense. Do you recommend that we take it and how much will it be? Also how much supervision and responsibility would such a course entail?

Your plan of cottages for Haines House children under sixteen years of age is most interesting. I doubt if we shall have funds to finance it within a year or so, but I am getting Mr. Yaw's reaction and am much interested.

In fact, as I have said before, all of your suggestions have been so worthwhile that I am finding myself more and more reluctant to consider your leaving. Please believe that I am not saying these things to try to persuade you to change your mind or to make you feel your importance to Haines House. I am really genuinely delighted over the remarkably fine suggestions which you have made from time to time and over your keen, sane judgment.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss  
Secretary

Miss Jane Barber  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
ERV:J

64-1  
March 21, 1931

My dear Miss Barber:

Miss Voss has handed me your letter of March 7 and we are interested in what you say about the possible need for making special arrangements for a light plant at Haines. We feel that we should do nothing definite about this until we are sure whether or not the town plant will be continued. If there is any possibility of anyone else carrying it on and providing lights it would probably be more satisfactory than to have an individual plant. Please keep us fully informed on this subject and also let us know the result of your investigation as to the most suitable kind of plant to install.

Miss Voss will be interested, I know, to have any further information which you may be able to secure in regard to the native dyes.

Very sincerely yours

Assistant in the Division

Miss Jane Barber  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
FMG/P



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3/21/31

Emma A. Jackson, Director

March 7; 1931

Miss Edna R. Voss  
186 Fifth Ave  
New York City  
New York

My dear Miss Voss:

I am sending all the bills possible in the same mail with this letter. So far as I can tell, there will be very little more until after April first.

When I made out the requisition, I did not know how things would turn out so far as lights are concerned. The Post received the contract for the plant and so the town has been without lights for two months and will continue to be. We will have to do something before next fall. There is a possibility that some one who does not know conditions will come in and buy the ~~old~~ old plant but it is not likely. The days are getting longer now so that we do not need much light but it has been a great worry to have the children in the buildings with kerosene lamps. We could install a Delco large enough to carry the two buildings for \$1200.00 and get \$150.00 credit on the old Delco. One of the fox ranchers is installing a wind mill to generate his power and has been talking to me about it. It sounds good but I am dubious. After he gets it installed, Mr. Swets and I are going out and go over the entire plant. I expect to stay a few days and so can judge the working of the windmill. It would be much cheaper in upkeep than the Delco.

I have a native woman working for me now that is willing to tell more about the dyes for baskets than Marion or the others I have talked to. This woman is one of the two really good basket makers here. I may be able to get some worthwhile information from her.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Barber

April 15, 1931.

My dear Miss Barber:

I have just come from a conference with Mr. Banks, our Assistant Treasurer, who has raised the question of which you yourself wrote in your letter of January 30 relative to Mr. Swets collecting the rent from the Indians who live in small houses on property belonging to our Board. Mr. Banks has straightened out my thinking on a number of points which I raised in my letter to you. First of all (and I, of course, know this) the entire property at Haines is in the name of Board of National Missions. There is no division whatever between the Division of Schools and Hospitals and the Division of Church Extension and Missions. All of this property was originally in the name of Board of Home Missions (Men's Board) and has now been turned over to the Board of National Missions regardless of the Division carrying on that work.

The small frame houses on the road do not belong to the Board but have been erected by Indians who lease the land from the Board at the nominal sum of \$1.00 a year. It is this \$1.00 a year for the lease which Mr. Bromley proposed asking Mr. Swets to collect. Mr. Banks is taking this matter up with Mr. Waggoner and later will write Mr. Swets direct if he wishes Mr. Swets to become the Board's agent in this matter of dealing with the Indians to collect this lease money. You understand, of course, that in owning the buildings the Board is not responsible for their condition nor for any insurance.

The first paragraph above answers in general your question as to a division of the property between the two units at work at Haines. In particular I still feel (this is confidential) that the church and manse should be fenced off from the home property in order to give the Bromleys more privacy, to keep the children out of their domain and, just between us, to relieve us of the responsibility of keeping the Bromleys' yard and the church property tidy. This matter can wait, however, until a little later or until we have an answer to my letter to you of March 6 in which I asked you to send us a pencil sketch showing what the Bromleys would like to have as their very own.

Tomorrow I shall see Dr. Montgomery and write you after a conference with him relative to cleaning up the corner to the side and in front of the old manse. This leads me to ask several questions.

1. Has the old manse been removed and if not, what are the prospects?



Miss Jane Barber

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April 15, 1931.

2. Does the new fence which we have in front of our buildings extend to the corner of the main street and up the main street to the new manse or church? I do not seem to remember.
3. If we have not fenced this prominent corner what would be the cost of completing the fencing of our property up to 30 or 50 ft. from the new manse and then on beyond as far as Mr. Swets has cleared or as far as seems necessary to you and him? Be sure, in answering, that you make a little drawing in pencil so that we here can understand perfectly what you are proposing.
4. If we should so fence our property would the Bromleys wish the fence to go past the manse and the church or would they prefer to have the fence indented around the manse and church, separating these two buildings somewhat from the home?

Very sincerely yours,

Edna R. Voss  
Secretary

Miss Jane Barber,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

ERV:EP

April 16, 1931

MEMORANDUM of conference held between Dr. Montgomery and Miss Voss, April 15.  
RE Property at Haines House, Haines, Alaska.

1. Dr. Montgomery agrees if, after correspondence with Mr. Waggoner, Mr. Banks, the Assistant Treasurer, approves, that Mr. Swets, the farmer and general caretaker at Haines House shall become responsible for collecting lease rents for lots belonging to the Board of National Missions upon which a number of Indians at Haines have built their own houses. The minister, Mr. Bromley, is at present collecting these amounts for the Board.
2. Dr. Montgomery is entirely agreeable to the proposition from the Division of Schools and Hospitals that Haines House become responsible for cleaning up, grading, and generally landscape gardening the property facing the beach and the main street of Haines up to from thirty to fifty feet of the manse and church, notice of this agreement to be sent to Mr. Swets by Miss Voss and to Mr. Bromley, the minister, should he remain at Haines, by Dr. Montgomery.
3. That the entire property at Haines be fenced, the Division of Schools and Hospitals investigating the fencing still to be done with its cost, the Division of Church Extension and Missions to help out on the cost when this has been determined - the separation by fence of the manse and church from the grounds occupied by the home to be made a matter of consultation with the minister.
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of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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Haines, Alaska

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April 23, 1931

Jane Barber, Director

Miss Edna K. Voss  
116 Fifth Ave  
New York

My dear Miss Voss:

In reply to your letter of March 6, regarding the property, I am enclosing a sketch showing the property as it is and what I would recommend. Mr. Bromley approves of the division.

When I wrote last fall about insurance it was not for the cottages but for the barn in which we keep all our cows, two horses and all the feed we raise. The cottages are in disreputable condition but at the meeting of Presbytery, the men have asked that the natives be given straight deeds to their property. This has been under the act and I, too, think that they should be given a certain length of time to fix up their places and get deeds or be made to move off.

There would be no expense connected with the turning over of the property to us, it would just mean that there would be a definite understanding and would make things a little more simplified and a better feeling between Mr. Swets and Mr. Bromley.

As you will want it understood that the church and Mr. Bromley would retain the privilege of getting all the wood they need from the wood lots.

As I said before, I would be willing to take over the responsibility of the cottages too, but since the men have started to take some action, we better wait and see if they do anything.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Barber

The only survey we have does not show the entire size of the property, but I would recommend that Mr. Bromley have charge only of those sections outlined in green and that all the rest be turned over to Haines House to be used as is seen fit. The red lines indicate our present boundaries.



# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

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Jane Barber, Director

April 28, 1931

My dear Miss Voss:

By this time you will have received the letter containing the sketch of the property. Mr. Swets and I have succeeded in getting the cemetery cleared and will get that stretch between our property and the Post cleaned up. I shall answer the questions you asked.

1. The old manse is being torn down and at present is almost removed.
2. Our fence does not extend to the corner of main street. It extends only around such property as I suggested be turned over to us, on the sketch. May I say here, that Mr. Bromley is clearing that corner.
3. The Bromleys expect to use that corner for lawn and tennis court so it need not be included in our property, therefore we need not fence around that.
4. If we have the division as I suggested on the sketch the two properties will be definitely divided so that there will be no need of more fencing.

We will need to put new fencing along Main St but we already have the wire and can get the posts from the wood lots.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Barber

# INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

## BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM A.J.Montgomery  
TO Miss Voss  
RE:

DATE May 8, 1931

In pursuance of our understanding of April 16th, I have ascertained that Mr. Bromley is to be retained for another year at the church at Haines and in accordance with this I am releasing my letter to Mr. Bromley covering the matters which I was to communicate to him, as contained in your memo of April 16th.

A. J. M.

A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

AJM-VP



May 15, 1931

FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Division of Schools and Hospitals recommends:

That the balance of approximately \$243. in the Wheeler Cottage Fund be transferred to the Haines House, Haines, Alaska, Barn Account to take care of the additional amount needed to supplement an appropriation from the 1930-31 current Building Budget for removal and rebuilding of the barn.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM A. J. Montgomery  
TO Miss Voss  
RE:

DATE May 20, 1931

Attached, hereto, is the ground plan of the Haines property as drawn by Miss Barber. Thank you.

A.J.M.  
A.J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

AJM-VP



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May 20, 1931

My dear Miss Barber:

I have been away from the office visiting in the Southern Mountains and have only just had time to consult Dr. Montgomery relative to your letter and splendid sketch of the Haines House property which you sent in connection with the division of responsibility between this Division and that represented by Mr. Bromley. I am entirely willing to abide by the division which you suggest and have so told Dr. Montgomery. He is writing to Mr. Bromley following up a letter written ten days ago suggesting another division. The only point which I made was that Mr. Bromley in fencing the property around the church and manse should use the same type of fence in order that the plant might appear to tourists as a single unit and, therefore, be more impressive.

Dr. Montgomery has written Mr. Bromley relative to turning over to Mr. Swets responsibility for the cottages and is about, I believe, to write Mr. Swets in reference to the recent action of Presbytery which may turn over to the Indians, themselves, this property under certain conditions which Mr. Swets will undoubtedly be asked to report upon. This latter, however, is not under this Division. Mr. Swets is merely acting as the agent for Dr. Montgomery in the matter.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss  
Secretary

Miss Jane Barber  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
ERV:J

Florence M. Goddard  
Mr. George Brower.

June 2nd, 1931.

The attached drawing is a rough sketch of the Haines House property showing the amount of land to be cared for by Haines House and by the Pastor. I believe it would be well to have this filed with the property surveys.

Florence M. Goddard.  
Assistant in the Division.

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June 4th, 1931.

My dear Miss Barber:

Your letter of April 23rd in regard to the lighting question at Haines House, has been given careful consideration, and at the last meeting of the Board in Pittsburgh action was taken to set aside from the current Building Fund the sum of \$1200 for the installation of a Delco at Haines. This money will be set up in a special building fund and will be available when needed. We shall be glad to have you look into the matter very carefully and determine just what sort of a plant will be needed to provide the necessary light and power for Haines House. We shall await with interest further word from you on this subject.

A few months ago you mentioned the fact that you and Mr. Swets were investigating the possibility of using a windmill to generate power. We are wondering what the result of your investigation was. Do you consider this at all feasible? Please let us have your reactions.

Very sincerely yours,

Florence M. Coddard  
Assistant in the Division.

Miss Jane Barber,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

FMG.c

# Haines House

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Jane Barber, Director

April 23, 1931

Miss Edna R. Voss  
156 Fifth Ave  
New York City

My dear Miss Voss:

I have your letter concerning the requisition for 1931-32. We will not need the \$100.00 for hauling but will probably need it for other labor. When I made out the requisition we did not have the new horse.

The light question is still unsettled but we have had no electricity since the first of February. This accounts for our getting thru the year on less than I had expected. The Post had out in their own plant and are running talkies so I do not think there is any chance for the town plant to start up again. The town plant depended upon the movies to keep it going but it was the Post trade it depended upon. The Post charges 25¢ admission whereas the town charges 10¢ so I am sure there will be no lights in town. The Belco has given us a price of \$1200.00 for a 110 watt plant. They will give us an allowance of \$150.00 on the old plant. This seems to be the best we can do. The upkeep will not be much more than on the present little belco and our lights cost from 700.00 to 800.00 per year, so it would pay for itself in a short time.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Barber



INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM

TO Miss Goddard

DATE March 21, 1931

RE: Buildings - Haines, Alaska

Possible need for larger delco plant to take care of lights for two buildings since town plant has been discontinued. Estimated cost about \$1200. Miss Barber and Mr. Swets investigating this and possibility of using windmill to generate power.

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Miss Goddard  
Treasurer's Office

June 29, 1931.

Kindly send to the Division of Schools and Hospitals check for \$500 payable to Jane Barber as an advance to make initial payment on the purchase of Delco plant for Haines House. This is to be charged to Haines House Building Fund for Delco.

FMG:EP

Assistant in the Division



Charge to the account of Presbyterian Board of National Missions

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CHECK
ACCT'G INFMN.
TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

(June 29, 1931)

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MISS JANE BARBER  
HAINES HOUSE  
HAINES ALASKA

DIVISION APPROVES INSTALLATION OF DELCO CHECK DELCO BELL STMT AIR MAIL

FLORENCE H. GODDARD

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE.

64-1

June 29, 1931.

My dear Miss Barber:

As I wrote recently the Board authorized the purchase of a lighting plant for Haines House and in view of the fact that you and Mr. Swets have both investigated the matter quite carefully and feel that the plant offered by the Delco Company will be the most satisfactory we are ready to have you go ahead and have this installed.

We are glad to know that you have been able to find a plant which will enable you to take care of the ultra-violet lamp which you hope to secure and which will also enable you to have a refrigeration attachment if it is possible for us to secure one.

I am sending you a check for \$500 in order that you may make the required initial payment and you can send in the bill for the balance after the installation has been made.

We are willing to take care of the extra amount of \$60. from the Miscellaneous Special Account.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Division

Miss Jane Barber,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.  
FMG:EP



# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

Conducted by

The Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Jane Barber, Director

June 20, 1931

Miss Florence Goddard  
116 Fifth Ave  
New York City  
New York

My dear Miss Goddard:

The two men from the Delco company in Juneau have just been here and ~~max~~ have gone over the lighting situation with us. I instructed Mr. Swets to investigate windmill systems while he was in the states and he did and found them not satisfactory. I considered the Kohler lighting system but the nearest service would be Seattle. With the Delco, we have service in Juneau. The plant Mr. Swets and I consider best will carry the Ultra Violet lamp which we plan to get and also the pump and will be one that can have a refrigeration attachment if we are even so that we can have it. This plant will cost \$1260.00 including freight and installation. The sixty dollars extra is for installation could not that sum be taken from Special Undesignated? I am sure the people who gave the money would not object.

This plant is a two unit Delco, each unit 1500 Watt. Mr. Swets and I had decided upon this plant last week and I wrote the representatives of the General Motors who came up this evening. If it is satisfactory with you, we will get it installed immediately. Their contract calls for one third payment down. I did not sign the contract as I am waiting your approval.

Cordially yours,

Jane Barber

64-1

July 21, 1931

My dear Miss Barber:

In connection with your letter of July 9th regarding storing of gasoline and oil for the Delco machine, I consulted with our insurance company agent and the following is an excerpt from his letter:

"The Delco Lighting system consists of an engine propelled by gasoline which runs a generator that generates electricity for the lighting system.

The gasoline should be either in a detached shed or else the tank buried underground.

Any electrical wiring should be done by an experienced electrician."

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Division

Miss Jane Barber  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

MC:X



# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

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Jane Barber, Director

July 9, 1931

Miss Florence M. Goddard  
156 Fifth Ave  
New York City  
New York

My dear Miss Goddard:

The check came for the initial payment for the Delco. We are wondering now where to store the gasoline, or oil. Does the insurance policy for the buildings here allow us to store it in the basement or how near to the buildings may we store? We can make a tank on the opposite side of the wood shed from the house and run a pipe.

If you can let us know by air mail just what the policy says in regard to storage of gasoline, I would appreciate it.

Cordially yours,

*Jane Barber*

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM Miss Dawson  
TO Miss Goddard  
RE: Delco Lighting System

7/21/31  
DATE July 21, 1931

I have received the following report from our insurance brokers:

“The Delco Lighting System consists of an engine propelled by gasoline which runs a generator that generates electricity for the Lighting system.

The gasoline should be either in a detached shed or else the tank buried underground.

Any electrical wiring should be done by an experienced electrician.”

HD.



Miss Coddard

Mr. Brauer

Insurance on barn at Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska

October 5, 1931.

Kindly cancel insurance on old barn which has been torn down and take out insurance on new barn recently erected. This barn is of frame construction and is valued at \$1500. The contents consist of:

10 head of stock \$1250.

Hay 880.

This latter item will of course be diminishing and I shall leave to you the decision in regard to the valuation to be placed on this for insurance.

FMG:EP

Assistant in the Division

1480  
October 5, 1931.

My dear Mr. Swets:

Thank you for your letter of September 21 giving the information in regard to the new barn. We shall take out insurance at once on this barn in accordance with your suggested valuation.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Division

Mr. John W. Swets,  
Haines,  
Alaska.

PMG:EP



Haines, Alaska.  
9/21/31

10/5/31

My dear Miss Goddard;

Miss Scott suggested that I write you in regard to insurance on the new barn. I presume you will want the dimensions and value of the barn. Also the feed and live-stock it houses.

The barn is a wood frame building 38 feet long and thirty eight feet wide. Was built for \$1000.00 but is valued at \$1500.00 It would cost us at least that to replace it.

At present it contains 22 tons of hay which at \$40.00 a ton is worth \$880.00. Of course the hay from now on will gradually be getting less and by spring will be all gone.

It houses ten head of stock, (8 head of cattle and two horses) Valuation on these is \$900.00 for the cattle and \$350.00 for the horses.

The barn is equipped with running water with attachment for hose and one chemical fire extinguisher.

If there should be any other information you wish to have please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

John W. Swata,

64-1  
October 23, 1931.

My dear Miss Lawrence:

Thank you for informing me  
in regard to the condition of the  
furnace. We are glad to know that  
it is now in good shape and that the  
money set aside for this can be applied  
to some other emergency.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Division

Miss Harriett Lawrence,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

FMG:EP



5/10/31

10/23/31

# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

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The Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Oct. 9, 1931.

My dear Miss Goddard:

Upon receiving your letter regarding the furnace I talked the matter over with Mr Swets and he said that the first year he was here he spent several weeks fixing it up and that since that time it had worked all right.

So I am happy to report that for the present anyhow we will not need that appropriation.

Sincerely,

Harrett A. Lawrence

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64-1  
September 25, 1931.

My dear Miss Lawrence:

In 1928 Mrs. Wingate after a visit to Haines House brought back the report that the furnace in the old cottage was in very bad condition and apt to go to pieces any moment. In fact she thought there was a probability that it would not last through the winter. In view of this report an appropriation of \$3500. was made for the installation of a new furnace. Later it was found that the old furnace could be made to work for that year at least and since that time we have had no further indications that you were having trouble with the furnace. We would be very glad indeed to have a report from you on this subject as we are anxious to put this money to other use if it is not going to be needed at Haines. Please be very frank with us in regard to this and do not feel that if you let this grant go now that you may not be able to get it later. You may be sure that we shall make some provision when the need arises. 44-44

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Division.

Miss Harriett Lawrence,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

FMG:TP

6-5-1  
Kilo  
January 21, 1932.

James H. Matthews Company,  
480 Canal Street,  
New York, New York.

Attention: Mr. D. K. Fox.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly enter our order for one bronze  
plate of the size usually furnished for us for the  
door of a memorial room. This plate is to bear the  
following inscription:

"Furnished  
by the  
Alaska Native Brotherhood"

When finished, this plate is to be sent to  
Miss Harriett Lawrence, Haines House, Haines, Alaska  
and you may send the bill to this office for payment.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Division

FMG:EP



# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF YOUR ORDER

## FACTORY PROMISE

## CUST. REQUIREMENT

## DATE ENTERED

1-25-32 HK

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## SOLD BY

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P-3471SHIPPING (WHEN DIFFERENT FROM)  
ADDRESS (INVOICE ADDRESS)Miss Harriett Lawrence,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

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## CHG. SALES

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SP'L D.

GUAR.  
DEL'Y

## OUR ORDER NO.

B-34

2-5770

## INVOICE TO

Board of National Missions of  
the Presbyterian Church in the  
U.S.A.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

## SALES ANALYSIS NO.

23-0-31-0-7

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TOTAL  
ITEMS  
ORDEREDTHE INFORMATION GIVEN HEREON SHOWS HOW YOUR ORDER HAS BEEN ENTERED ON OUR RECORDS.  
IF ANY DETAIL IS INCORRECT, ADVISE US AT ONCE.

## ITEMS TO RETURN

CUSTOMER  
SAMPLES  
OLD DIESBOXB'RD  
DRAWINGS  
SKETCHESPROOFS  
WITH DIES  
TO CUST.RETURN  
WOOD  
CUTSHOLD  
WOOD  
CUTS1 Solid cast bronze  
memorial plate  
SL-102, 6" x 2".Drill 2 holes, 1  
in each end and  
furnish screws  
for attaching to  
wood.

One to read per sketch:

FURNISHED  
BY THE  
ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

G0316

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TO  
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## UNMOUNTED

## SPONGE

## STEEL &amp; SP.

## SEE PREV. ORDER NO.

## OUR ORDER NO.

B-34  
2-5770

JAS. H. MATTHEWS &amp; CO., 3942-44-46 Forbes St., PITTSBURGH, PA.

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64-1  
February 20, 1932

My dear Miss Lawrence:

We have just received the bill for the plate for the room furnished by the Alaskan Native Brotherhood. As there is no special fund to cover this particular item we are charging it against the Haines House Miscellaneous Specials Account. Will you please make a note of this on your books. The cost of the plate including parcel post is \$6.18.

Very sincerely yours

Assistant in the Division

Miss Harriett Lawrence

Haines House

Haines, Alaska

EMC:J

64-1  
January 7, 1933.

My dear Miss Lawrence:

Since receiving your letter of December 1 in regard to the installation of an oil burner and the falling off of your wood supply we have been reviewing the correspondence about this and find that last spring when Mr. Swets reported the difficulty in securing wood, he stated that he would look into the cost of oil burners and fuel oil and would also estimate the amount which would be needed to arrange for the necessary storage tanks and provision for getting the oil supply from the tanks. We also wrote to you shortly after this and asked you to consult Mr. Yaw about oil burners and to send us all the information you could. Up to the present time we have had no further word and we are wondering whether you have not been able to secure this information. Before giving any authorization for such an installation Miss Voss will need to have the fullest possible information as to all costs, not only for installation but upkeep as well, and a comparison of cost between the use of oil and coal or wood which you have been using in the past. You state that Mr. Swets is investigating motors which can be used either with the D. C. current of the Delco or with the town A. C. current.

Fortunately, the grant which was set up a year or two ago for a new furnace at Haines was not turned back as you said it might be when you thought a new furnace would not be needed, but since it was not used at the time appropriated and since a change in plan is now proposed, Miss Voss will want to re-study the matter and will need to have this information about cost. We hope that you will surprise us by sending an estimate which is smaller than the previous one due to reduced costs.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Miss Harriett Lawrence,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

FMG:EP



# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

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The Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

**Harriett Lawrence, Director**

1/7/33.

Dec. 1, 1932.

Miss Florence Goddard,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

At the beginning of the year I had some correspondence with you regarding the installation of oil burners. Since we must get in our wood supply during the winter for the following year it will be necessary to know very soon if we will be able to have them installed next summer.

Mr Swets is investigating the Universal motors which we could use with either our D.C or the town A.C. and I will also confer with Mr Yaw. Of course conditions here are different as our electric light system is so different.

Sincerely,

Harriett A. Lawrence.

P.S. I am writing to the firm in Juneau which installed the ones at S. J. S. for estimate of cost.

64-1  
3/10/33  
February 14, 1933.

My dear Miss Lawrence:

I have your letter of January 20 in regard to the oil burner and I am glad to know that you are looking into the matter and trying to obtain the best information before suggesting a purchase. In view of the fact that you have found a place where you can get enough wood for another year we believe that it is well to wait another year until you have had more opportunity to test out the dependability of the town electric current. This, of course, is an important item in connection with the installation of an oil burner. We are glad that Mr. Swets had an opportunity to try out a burner for a little time in order to determine whether or not there would be an actual saving in the cost of fuel.

We hope that it will be possible to hold this appropriation for another year but we cannot be sure in view of the fact that the Board is so pressed financially that it is necessary to use every possible source of income. Whether or not they will be willing to allow this appropriation to stand unused during this time is a question which we cannot answer just now. You may be sure that we shall do our best to hold it but cannot make any definite promise.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Miss Harriett Lawrence,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

WNC:EP

# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

Conducted by

The Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

2-14-33

Jan. 20, 1933.

Miss Florence Goddard,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

Your letter regarding the installation of oil burner furnace came yesterday. The reason we have delayed so long in getting the needed information is that we have been waiting to see what we could depend on in the way of electric current.

Last December the manager of the town plant offered us a very reasonable rate. We then wrote you and at the same time wrote Mr Yaw and Mr Rice who installed the plant at Sitka and also the one at the new government school at Wrangell.

Soon after that we heard that the town plant was going to change hands again. Then Mr Swets and Mr Mc Rae looked the wood situation and found a place where they thought they could get enough wood for another year. In the mean time Mr Swets borrowed an oil burner to try out here in our furnace. He judged from that that the oil would be much cheaper but that we would have to have electric current twenty four hours a day as the steam pressure went right down.

Mr Rice has asked for information regarding distance from dock etc. before giving his estimate on cost. Mr Swets feels that he would like to confer with Mr Stuart of Sitka before deciding and probable could do so sometime during the summer.

So it would doubtless be well anyhow to wait a year to find out the dependability of the town current and by that time could have a definite estimate of the cost. I am glad the appropriation is still available. I understood when I wrote that we didn't need a new furnace at that time that we could have it when the need did arise. Yes it should be cheaper now I should think.

Sincerely,

Harrett A. Lawrence.



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# Haines House

## Haines, Alaska

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of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

**Harriett Lawrence, Director**

Feb. 27, 1933.

Miss Florence Goddard,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

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Your two letters of  
February 14 received. Of course we are  
hoping that the money for the oil burners  
will be available when we are able to have  
sufficient electric current for them.

*H. Lawrence*

*J. and J. B. M.*

Miss Goddard  
Mr. Brauer

*D. B.*

March 21, 1933.

In connection with the Haines House Inventory you have called attention to the fact that there is no list of buildings on the back. This is to ask you to use the list which you had for the insurance schedule for last year. We are filling this in on the back of the 1932 blank.

FMG:EP

Office Secretary

Miss Goddard  
Mr. Brauer

April 27, 1933.

In connection with the Inventory for Haines House, Haines, Alaska  
Miss Lawrence has written that the building valuation of the barn should be  
raised from \$1,000. to \$1,500. Will you kindly correct this in your records.

FMG:EP

Office Secretary



PROPERTY INVESTIGATIONALASKIANWAINES HOUSE  
Haines, Alaska

<u>Land</u>	<u>Value</u>
3 acres (cleared for buildings)	\$ 300.00
10 acres Farm land	5,000.00
300 acres Timber land	9,000.00
30 lots in town* (Leased to natives)	12,000.00
	<u>26,300.00</u>

Property secured by Home Board on Government patent-no restrictions.  
Turned over to Schools and Hospitals for use.

Chapel and manse used by other Unit.

\*Town lots leased to natives for \$1 per year - Natives erect own homes but must meet certain requirements as to character, behavior, etc.

<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Contents</u>
Girls Dormitory (frame)	\$30,000.00	\$2,500.00 - Old hospital remodeled.
Boys Dormitory (frame)	40,000.00	2,400.00 - Erected 1927-cost
Farmers House (frame)	1,250.00	253.00 \$23,500.00-named for
Barn	1,500.00	2,130.00 Miss Wheeler of N.Y.C.
	<u>\$72,750.00</u>	<u>\$7,283.00</u> who contributed \$5,000.00

64-1  
(1934)

January 2, 1934

My dear Miss Lawrence:

Thank you for your letter giving the information in regard to the rental of the land at Haines. We are glad to know that by using this extra acreage you are able to raise enough hay to carry you through the winter and thus save the excessive freight charges which would be necessary if you were to purchase hay.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Miss Harriett Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
Ala:2

Misdirected & returned to me.

Seattle, Wash.,  
Nov. 17, 1933.

Miss Florence Goddard,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

11/2/34

Your letter of Oct. 30 regarding the rent of the hay land was given to me this morning upon my return to Seattle.

I can't remember with whom we wrote about the matter last year but we made the same arrangement. By using that extra charge for hay we were able to raise enough to do us through the winter and thus were saved the excessive freight charges. Hay costs us about \$75 a ton delivered in 'vains. This item should be charged to Maintenance for feed.

Hoping this explanation is satisfactory, I remain

Sincerely,

Harriet G. Lawrence



October 30, 1933

My dear Miss Lawrence:

In looking over the bills recently sent in from Haines House I found one calling for \$100 to be paid to John Swets for rent for hay land. As I could find no correspondence concerning the renting of additional land I did not quite understand the billing. It is possible that Miss Voss knows about it but as she is away from the office I thought I had better write you direct to get some information. We thought that a sufficient amount of land had been cleared to take care of the needs of the Home.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Miss Harriett Lawrence  
Y.W.C.A.  
Seattle, Washington  
H.G:r

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Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

October 24, 1933

My dear Miss Voss:

Among the bills received from Haines House was one for \$100.00 to be paid to John Swets for rent for hay land. I could not seem to find any correspondence about this but before raising any question with Miss Lawrence wanted to know whether you remembered arrangements being made for renting additional land.

Very sincerely yours,

*Francis H. Toddard*  
Office Secretary

Miss Edna R. Voss  
Asheville Normal  
Asheville, North Carolina  
10/25/33

Asheville Normal. Oct 26.

Don't know unless it is  
renting back land we have  
leased to a Haines farmer.  
You might consult records and  
Mr. Banks on latter without  
saying too much about the  
immediate question  
E.P.V.

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December 23, 1935

Honorable John Collier  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

We have just learned from Miss Harriett A. Lawrence, the Director of the orphanage conducted by our Board at Haines, Alaska, of the petition of the town of Haines for a grant of \$25,000 from the WPA fund for an independent water system. As the representative of our Board responsible for this orphanage of fifty Alaskan Indian children, I want to make as strong as possible a plea for this improvement of the water supply at Haines. At present the arrangement whereby the home secures its water from the military post reservoir is not at all satisfactory inasmuch as the home is without water many hours of the day and in order to care for its simplest needs must for the long periods when the water has been turned off keep its tubs, kettles and every available utensil filled for emergencies. You can readily understand not only the inconvenience, but the actual danger from unsanitary conditions which arise from such lack of water facilities in an institution for little children. The Board of National Missions will, therefore, very much appreciate any efforts you may make in securing this needed improvement.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

ERV:J



64-1

December 23, 1935

My dear Miss Lawrence:

I am today writing the delegate to Congress from Alaska of the need of an independent water system at Haines from the point of view of our home there. I shall write the Bureau of Indian Affairs also but in the case of the latter shall hope to be more successful than in connection with Sitka's hospital for which we all petitioned.

Very sincerely yours

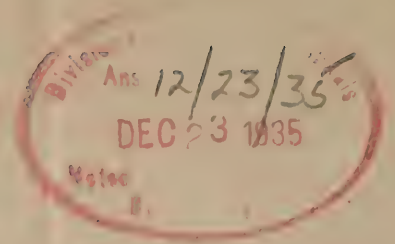
Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
ERV:J

# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

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Harriett Lawrence, Director

Dec.11,1935.

Miss Edna R.Voss,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York,N.Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

Did we ever write you about the water system here in Haines? As you know the town supply comes from the Post. But the town mains are old and constantly leaking. Naturally the Post authorities are required to keep ~~their~~ <sup>So it is</sup> reservoir runs low they turn the water off the town and consequently we do without water. If we have some warning we can fill tubs, kettles and every other kind of utensils to last until it is turned on again, usually once or twice a day for an hour. You can imagine not only the hardship for the drinking supply but also the sanitary conditions around here. We are most fortunate in one respect for there is a cut off between us and the town so usually if the pipe between us and the Post is alright they will let us have it.

Now the town is asking for a grant of \$25000 from the W.P.A. Fund for an independent system. They have hired a lawyer from Juneau to help get it through. He suggests that as many citizens and others who are dependent upon the town system write letters to our delegate to Congress, Anthony Dimond, also that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and our Board. I have written him, but our mayor requested that I write you to send in your endorsement of the request if you would. Naturally the Post would be delighted to be relieved of the responsibility of supplying the town.

We would all greatly appreciate your assistance in the matter.

Most cordially,

Harriett A. Lawrence.

December 23, 1935

Honorable Anthony Dimmond  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dimmond:

We have just learned from Miss Harriett A. Lawrence, the Director of the orphanage conducted by our Board at Haines, Alaska, of the petition of the town of Haines for a grant of \$25,000 from the WPA fund for an independent water system. As the representative of our Board responsible for this orphanage of fifty Alaskan Indian children, I want to make as strong as possible a plea for this improvement of the water supply at Haines. At present the arrangement whereby the home secures its water from the military post reservoir is not at all satisfactory inasmuch as the home is without water many hours of the day and in order to care for its simplest needs must for the long periods when the water has been turned off keep its tubs, kettles and every available utensil filled for emergencies. You can readily understand not only the inconvenience, but the actual danger from unsanitary conditions which arise from such lack of water facilities in an institution for little children. The Board of National Missions will, therefore, very much appreciate any efforts you may make in securing this needed improvement.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

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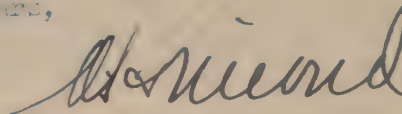
Miss Edna R. Voss, Secretary,  
Unit of Educational and Medical Work,  
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Voss:

Reference is made to your letter of December 23rd concerning conditions at Haines, Alaska, and the need for the construction of a water system at that place.

I much regret to have to tell you that there seems to be no possible chance of securing the desired grant from the WPA or any other governmental agency. There is no question as to the need of this work and I deeply realize that every possible effort ought to be made to secure the desired relief.

Sincerely yours,



Anthony J. Dimond  
Delegate

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S K  
December 27, 1935

My dear Miss Lawrence:

A letter has just come in from Anthony J. Dimond, the Delegate in Congress from Alaska, saying that he much regrets to have to tell us that there seems to be no possible chance of securing the desired grant for the construction of a water system at Haines. He goes on to say that there is no question in his mind as to the need and that he realizes keenly that every possible effort ought to be made to secure the desired relief. Isn't this too bad.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
ERV:J

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January 18, 1936

Mr. William Zimmerman  
Assistant Commissioner  
Department of the Interior  
Office of Indian Affairs  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Zimmermans:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 16 addressed to Miss Voss in reply to her inquiry concerning the petition from Haines, Alaska, for a grant for an independent water system.

Miss Voss is at present away from the office on a field trip but we shall hold your letter for her to see upon her return. She will be sorry, I know, to learn that it is not within your province to sponsor this project.

Very sincerely yours,

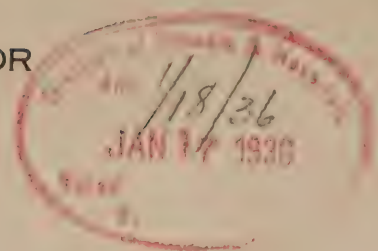
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Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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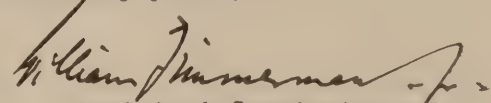
Miss Edna R. Voss,  
Sect., Unit of Educa. and Medical Work,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

Reference is made to your letter of December 23 concerning the petition of the town of Haines, Alaska, for a grant of \$25,000 from the Works Progress Administration fund for an independent water system.

While we are sympathetic to the need for this improvement, it is not within our province to sponsor the project unless we are called upon for information by the Works Progress Administration. Any pressure brought to bear on these projects must be by those initiating or sponsoring them.

Sincerely yours,

  
Assistant Commissioner.

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM Miss Goddard  
TO Miss Goddard  
RE:

DATE March 11, 1936

Excerpt from letter from Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
February 26, 1936

"This is an entire new furnace that we have purchased. Mr. Stuart did stop here, made a very thorough investigation and said he thought it would be very expensive and not very satisfactory to connect the two furnaces. Moreover so far we have not been able to get the twenty four hour service from the electric plant necessary for an oil burner. However, this new furnace can be very easily changed to an oil burner if we ever wish to do so."

July 31, 1936

My dear Miss Lawrence:

In Miss Voss' absence on vacation I am acknowledging your letter of July 20th calling attention to the serious time that you have been having in connection with your water supply. I shall make a note of this on our list of building and repair needs and shall bring it to Miss Voss' attention so that she will have an opportunity to consider it when she studies the budget and building situations.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
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# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

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The Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Harriett A. Lawrence, Director

July 20, 1936.

Miss Edna R. Voss,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

For some time now we have been having a serious time with our water supply. The town system coming from the Post has been getting more unsatisfactory all the time and there seems to be no prospect of its getting any better.

Mr Swets and I have been discussing the advisability of digging a well and getting a pump to be used when the water is off. There are some springs near the church but that would require more labor and more pipe while if it were dug near the house we might have trouble finding good water.

Would there be any available funds for this purpose? It is hard to give any estimate but I don't believe it would run over \$500. Perhaps not that much.

Sincerely,

Harriett A. Lawrence.

August 5, 1936

My dear Miss Lawrence:

As Miss Goddard promised you in her letter of last week I have been trying to think through some solution to your problem of a more adequate water supply. Unfortunately building funds are at rock bottom and at least for the rest of this budget year there is not the slightest possibility of our securing \$500 for a well. I wish, however, that you would begin to investigate in detail as though there were funds available the cost of the well itself, piping and the pump. Perhaps by the time you have this information in accurate detail we may have located a legacy, some refunds or some other source of funds which can be used for such a project as yours.

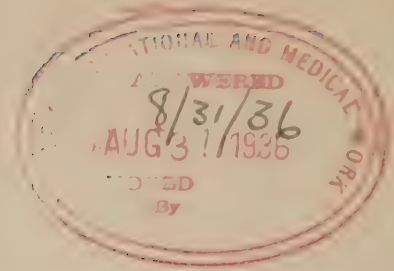
If I am right in believing that there will be no funds available between now and September 30 and that we must wait until the next budget year, the delay will, I presume, necessitate waiting until next summer. Let me know if I am correct in this assumption that your winters are too severe to carry out such a project as the digging of a well and the laying of pipes.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
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Harriett A. Lawrence, Director

Aug. 22, 1936.

Miss Edna R. Voss,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

Since writing you about our water supply the condition has grown much worse. Because of a forest fire back of the Post we had no water for three days. That meant that our drinking water had to be carried from a stream two miles away and all other water carried a block or so. So far the town has made no plans for obtaining water elsewhere. Several citizens are digging private wells.

I dread to think of going through another winter like that and so if there is no objection I would like to advance the necessary money for the project and then if no funds are available later I will consider it a gift. Anyhow if there should be any money I suppose it really should be used for painting the house as it will depreciate rapidly if that is not done.

Someone told us you would be coming up here this winter. I hope the report is true for there are several matters I should like to discuss with you.

We had a very enjoyable visit with Dr Calhoun and family and are looking for Dr Trull and party tonight.

Sincerely,

Harriett A. Lawrence

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August 31, 1936

AIRMAIL

My dear Miss Lawrence:

Your letter of August 22 relative to the need of a well and pump which seems even more urgent now than when you wrote in July evidently crossed mine to you of August 5 asking for more detailed information as to cost. As I wrote you earlier in the month there are at present no funds in sight for this improvement. (There is just one possibility. Some time ago we tentatively earmarked a small fund which might be applied toward a new furnace for Haines. Since then nothing more has come in from you as to that need. It is just possible that this fund might be used to help out in your water emergency, but we must have exact, reliable estimates of cost of work and equipment which will prove satisfactory.)

Please reply by airmail which will at least cut down the time across country.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
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November 2, 1936

My dear Miss Lawrence:

Your letter of October 15 giving the final estimate of the cost of digging the well has been received and I have talked the matter over with Miss Voss. She asks me to inform you that we have found an outside fund from which to take care of this cost, and you may therefore send in bills totaling \$247.57 and we shall see that they are taken care of.

We are happy to know that you were able to have this work done before winter so that you will have the use of it.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriet A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
FHC:JC

# Haines House

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Nov. 2, 1936

Harriett A. Lawrence, Director

Oct. 15, 1936.

Miss Florence Goddard,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

As I wrote Miss Voss in my letter of Aug. 22 it seemed necessary to go forward with the well immediately if we were to have it dug this winter so I have advanced the money and will consider it a gift if the funds are not available.

The cost is as follows:

Lumber	41.29
Pump	95.95
Powder	2.23
Nails	1.25
Freight on Pump & Lumber	26.85
Labor	80.00

Total \$247.57.

The well is now just about deep enough in fact during the rainy season we are having at present it fills up so fast it is hard to keep it emptied enough for digging, so I am sure the above figure will cover the entire cost.

Sincerely,

Harriett A. Lawrence



# Haines

## Estimated cost of well

Pump -	\$100
Sumner	60
Labor	60
Incidentals	5
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January 11, 1938

My dear Miss Lawrence:

Thank you very much for sending on to me the schedules of the Alaska Steamship Company and the Canadian Pacific. They certainly do not look promising for a trip with any kind of economy of time. Your news, together with the news in the paper and over the radio of another strike in Seattle, has pretty definitely made me decide that this winter or early spring is not the best time for my trip. The interdenominational conference of which I spoke this fall is not to be held in the summer of 1938, but may possibly be held in 1939. I think the best thing for me to do will be to come up in August and remain over for the first week or ten days of school at Sitka.

Very sincerely yours

Edna A. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Maines House  
Maines, Alaska  
N. V. J.  
Dictated by Miss Voss but  
signed in her absence.

# Haines House

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Harriett A. Lawrence, Director

Dec. 27, 1937

PERSONAL.

My dear Miss Voss:

Here I have been back three weeks and still havent written you about that boat schedule. I'm sorry, and especially so for what I have found out. Mr Barnett says the present schedule will continue through March and April as far as he knows and that is about as in convenient as can be. We have one north bound boat every two weeks and one south bound the alter-nate weeks which means that you would have to stay here twelve days. You could come up on the Canadian Pacific and go back on the Alaska but that wouldn't take you to Sitka. None of the big boats go over there. I will send you our schedules and then perhaps you could get the Princeton to take you to Sitka. I'm sorry for I did want you to come up soon.

I am very glad that Dr Somerdike approved of our plan. I do hope we can get just the right man, some one that understands boys and really knows how to handle them. I don't think either of the "wheelers would be the ones though. I am sorry it was impossible to see Mr Kaiper on the way up but I am sure your judgment would be as good as mine. When I heard how they had been treating Miss Morning I was more convinced than ever that our plan was a good one. Last year they found it was very easy to break holes in the wall board in their house even some cut holes for a cache. But it is s mply terrible now. The whole house should be done over and of course no funds to do it with. They are very much ashamed of themselves but that doesn't repair the house.

Yes, Mr Wheeler told me himself that he had passed the examination required for a chaplain and had received the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Also Mrs Dusenbury said the Colonel had written a recom<sup>men</sup>dation for him. But it seems it is very uncertain when his appointment will come as each denomination takes its turn whenever a vacancy arises.

And now about the refrigerating plant. You remember I told you that my brother Harry in his will left some money to the First Church in Wichita requesting that all above the amount of any unpaid pledge should be given wherever they decided. The session voted to give it to Haines House for whatever I should decide we needed most. We

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decided that an electric refrigerating plant would be as helpful as anything we could have for it would not only keep our milk and butter in the summer but also we could butcher early in the fall and so save on feed and also enable us to have meat all the year round.

I talked with several people who recommended the York Plant. They gave me a figure on the motor. Then a representative from Mr Troast came up and drew some plans of the changes that would have to be made in the kitchen and basement. He will have a contractor figure on the cost of installation so we will know before we begin that it will come within the \$1850 available. Do you suppose the Board would consent to this and would they want to see the plans before the work is started?

Ves, I did have a fine trip up here and a good rest too. I went via Sante Fe visiting Carlsbad Caverens, Southeren Calif. Ming Quong and all. The last part from Juneau was on a small boat over a very rough sea when we thought for a while that the water on the lower deck would stop the engines but we finally arrived home safely, received a warm welcome even if it was 10 below and was really glad to be home again.

I hear you were held up by high water in Oklahome too. Hope your Christmas was a happy one.

Most cordially,

Harriett A. Lawrence.

# ALASKA STEAMSHIP CO.

Leave Seattle		Due Haines
Baranof	Jan.1	Jan 5 Westbound
Vukon	8	17 Southbound
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Vukon	22	31 Southbound
Alaska	29	Feb.2 Westbound
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Alaska	26	Mar. 2 Westbound.

## Canadian Pacific

### Leave Seattle

Jan 11- 25 Feb 8 18c Mar.1 -11- 22 Apr 1-12-22

Arrive Skagway

Jan.29- Feb.12- 22 Mar.5- 15- 26 - Apr 5-16-26

March 10, 1938

FOR TRIP FOLDER

MEMORANDUM FROM Miss Goddard  
TO Miss Voss  
RE Haines Farm Land

In a recent letter from Mr. Swets to Miss Scott in connection with the proposal of a transfer to Dwight, Mr. Swets wrote:

"However it would be very difficult for us to leave at present. First of all we have our farm at one mile which we would have to dispose of before we could leave Alaska. This is the place we have been leasing to the Board and on which we do most of the farming for Haines House since there is a very limited amount of cleared land on Board property and that which is cleared is poor soil."

This statement in regard to the use of Mr. Swets' farm came as a surprise to me and I have been unsuccessful in finding any previous mention in the correspondence of the fact that we were renting land from Mr. Swets for the use of Haines House. There is an item in the budget of \$100 for rent, but this I supposed covered the rental of hay land. Back in 1933 when a voucher came through for rent we raised a question about it and Miss Lawrence replied as follows:

"Your letter of October 30 regarding the rent of the hay land was given to me this morning on my return to Seattle. I can't remember with whom we wrote about the matter last year but we made the same arrangement. By using that extra acreage for hay we were able to raise enough to do us through the winter and thus were saved the excessive freight charges. Hay costs us about \$40 a ton delivered in Haines. This item should be charged to Maintenance for feed."

I did not understand at the time that this was Mr. Swets' land since your reply when I asked if you knew anything about this was:

"Don't know unless it is renting back land we have leased to a Haines farmer."

Probably you will want to look into this when you are in Alaska.

Office Secretary

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April 7, 1938.

My dear Miss Goddard:

Then about the electrical current. Yes, we do have a much more dependable electrical current here in town and of course any time that it did give out we could dispense with the refrigerator much better than with the furnace. I am figuring too that the saving in food stuffs will pay for the current used with it. At least I do hope so.

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Harriett A. Lawrence.

March 21, 1938

My dear Miss Lawrence:

Miss Voss has asked me to write you that in her recent letter to you authorizing you to go ahead with the installation of the refrigeration plant at Haines House she neglected to raise a question about the handling of this fund. Would you have any objection to sending this money to the office so that it could be credited on the Treasurer's books. Unless it passes through the Treasurer's hands we would have no record of the gift and we do feel that it should be noted in this way. Should you be willing to do this we could return the money immediately to you to pay out as needed or you could send the bill to this office for payment. We would want to handle it in whichever way you preferred.

We are all so happy to know that you are going to have this equipment for we know it will mean much to the Home.

I have been wondering about one thing. I remember when we discussed the installation of an oil burner you stated that your supply of electric current from the town plant was not sufficiently stable to enable you to use an oil burner. Will it not be necessary to use current in connection with the refrigeration plant? Perhaps the dependability of your electric current has improved or possibly a steady current is not essential with the refrigeration as with the oil burner. Just for my own information I would be glad to know just what the situation now is.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
FMG:B

March 16, 1938

My dear Miss Lawrence:

That most carefully drawn up plan for the proposed refrigerating plant at Haines House is entirely satisfactory and makes possible the final authorization to you from this office to proceed with the installation of this much needed and valuable equipment. I do this with the very keen appreciation not only of this office, but of the Cabinet and the Board itself for this legacy gift from your brother, and now for your proposal of supplementing that gift with a further substantial gift to meet the estimate of cost which proves to be more than was expected.

Are you sure you can handle this additional amount? It may be that during the rest of the budget year we may find one or more small funds which can help out in this extra expense. The difficulty is we are not sure of these at the present and, therefore, must of necessity accept your proposal that you finance personally the additional \$300 or more in order to be able to authorize you to proceed. The Board, as you know, insists upon money or pledges in hand before it allows one of its Units to authorize a project. We promise, however, to keep this in mind and try later to refund at least a part of the additional expense.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
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# Haines House

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Harriett A. Lawrence, Director

Feb. 26, 1938.

Miss Edna R. Voss,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

At last I have the plans and the figures for the refrigerating plant of which I spoke to you. Mr Lester Troast of Juneau sent a man up here who planned the best place for it and his firm drew the plans. Then Mr Troast while in Seattle talked with the York Ice Machinery Co., and he has compiled the following figures.

Refrigeration Machinery, doors, e c.	\$853.00
Corkboard, nails & asphalt	362.00
Building materials and labor, includ. installation of equipment	958.00

Total \$2,173.00

This can probably be reduced some if our men can do some of the work. Mr Svets thinks they could haul gravel and work some on it about June 1st. The gift amounted to some over \$1900.00. I will be responsible for the balance if we do not have enough specials for it.

This winter we were unable to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase some reindeer carcasses at a very reasonable price when the "North Star" was in because it was warm and at that time we had some meat of our own. Now we do without meat most of the time because we cant afford to buy it locally. It is conditions like that that make us feel a refrigerating plant would be a great economy as well as convenience.

Cordially,

Harriett A. Lawrence.

January 13, 1938

FOR THE CABINET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY OPERATION

The Unit of Educational and Medical Work recommends

THAT alterations in the kitchen and basement of Haines House, Haines, Alaska to allow for the installation of an electric refrigerator be approved on the understanding that the cost of all is to be covered by a special gift.

Approved by  
Wm. L. Brown  
Jan 14 1938

# INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM

TO

RE:

DATE



January 11, 1938

AIRMAIL

My dear Miss Lawrence:

Relative to the refrigerating plant, I am going to take this item to our Cabinet at its meeting on January 13 for recommendation to the Board at its meeting January 21 that the Unit be given power to approve changes in the kitchen and basement of the dormitory at Haines to enable the installation of a refrigerating plant. That will give authorization for the plant and at the same time enable you to send this office the drawings and the exact figures on the cost at your earliest convenience. The Board does require that plans for such changes be approved and be filed here.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
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Dictated by Miss Voss but  
signed in her absence.

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Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
December 27, 1937

Dear Miss Voss:

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Haines, Alaska

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Harriett A. Lawrence, Director

MAY 8, 1938

PERSONAL

My dear Miss Voss:

Dear me, I wish the time for your visit wasn't so far away for there are so many things I would like to discuss with you. In the first place ever since My return I have been feeling more and more that our plan for a man at the head of Haines House was most essential. Especially as we seem to fall heir to such inexperienced boys' supervisors. We seem to be failing miserably with the boys. In fact I finally took some up to the Commissioner and put them on probation which so far has worked admirably.

However I had thought that could wait until you came but now Mr Swets says that he has an offer for his place adjoining our property and so wants to know what the Board will do. He wants \$1500.00 cash for it. If we keep our cows it would seem that we would have to have that land for hay and pasturage. But if we do have the dairy and all that land, providing of course the Board does buy it, it would seem that we should have a man who understands farming and dairying at the head of the mission. I dont know Mr Swets plans but I just wonder how long he intends staying here. As long as he stays of course he would be responsible for it but the next man might not be so good a manager.

I dont know so much about the value of property around here but think that is a very reasonable price. There are 50 acres, 30 of which are cleared, 23 of those without any stumps at all. At present we raise most of our hay and some of our vegetables out there.

It would seem that it would depend upon the future policy of Haines House as to what would be best to do about the land. I fear I haven't made this very clear but in fact it isn't very clear in my own mind what should be done.

Sincerely,

Harriett A. Lawrence



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UNIT OF EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL WORK

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

MAY 14, 1938

MISS HARRIETT A LAWRENCE  
HAINES HOUSE  
HAINES, ALASKA

CANNOT PURCHASE LAND UNTIL THOROUGH INVESTIGATION MY VISIT STOP SUGGEST YOU INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT COST OF CLEARING ENOUGH OF OUR OWN LAND FOR PASTURAGE.

EDNA R VOSS

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.

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Harriett A. Lawrence, Director

June 4, 1938

Miss Edna R. Voss,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

Upon receipt of your telegram I made some inquiries about the cost of clearing our land and find it would run from \$300 an acre up depending upon which part was cleared. We need land for raising hay and silage not for pasturage.

Sincerely,

Harriett A. Lawrence.

*Will consent on  
mail C.R.C*

June 16, 1938.

My dear Miss Torrance:

I am returning to you the letter from the Benevolence Treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita, Kansas, enclosing a check for \$1822.50, left to them by the late Mr. Harry Lawrence. The following excerpts from our correspondence with Miss Harriet Lawrence, of Haines House, Alaska, will give you the background for this gift.

Letter from Harriet Lawrence to Miss Voss - Dec. 27, 1937.

"Yourremember I told you that my brother Harry in his will left money to the First Church inWichita requesting that all above the amount of an unpaid pledge should be given wherever they decided. The session voted to give it to Haines House for whatever I should decide we needed most. We decided that an electric refrigerating plant would be as helpful as anything we could have for it would not only keep our milk and butter in the summer, but also we could butcher early in the fall and so save on feed and also enable us to have meat all the year round."

Administrative Council Action - Jan. 14, 1938.

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Letter from Miss Harriet Lawrence to F.M. Goddard - April 7, 1938.

"After receiving your letter of March 21 requesting that the money for the refrigeration plant be sent to you so that



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it would go on record through the Treasurer's office I wrote to Wichita asking that they send it to you, or rather to Miss Torrance. Then I will send the bills to you for payment as we have done in other special gifts."

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August 4, 1939

My dear Mr. Yaw:

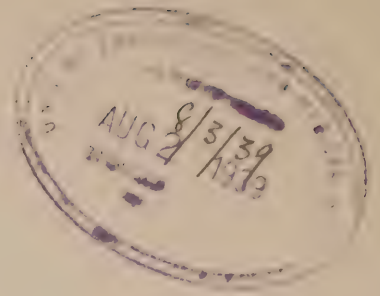
Relative to the question of insurance on your storage of crude oil and diesel oil in your letter to Miss Goddard of July 24, we have just consulted Miss Dawson who handles the Board's insurance. Miss Dawson reports that this oil is not covered by the Board's insurance, but that it can very easily be included in the Board's blanket policy. In view of the fact that you say you take in your yearly supply of oil in August, we have consulted the Treasury and are taking out insurance to the amount of \$1400, the approximate cost of your oil last year. You can then notify us as to the exact amount of insurance required, but in the meantime the oil supply will be protected.

Very sincerely yours

Virginia Ray  
Assistant Secretary, Unit of  
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska  
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W. Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

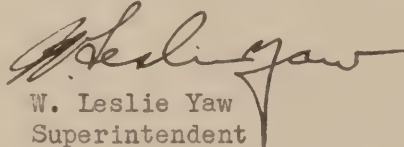
July 24, 1939

Miss Florence M. Goddard  
The Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

Do we have protection, that is, insurance, on our storage of crude oil, also diesel oil? Each year late in August we take in our yearly supply of these fuels. The crude oil amount taken is approximately 1200 barrels and the diesel oil 22,000 gallons. The crude oil is stored in the old cement coal bunkers, largely underground. Only the roof, which is of laminated 2 x 4's covered with corrugated sheet iron, is above ground. The diesel oil is stored in a steel tank with a frame roof.

Very truly yours,

  
W. Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

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# Sheldon Jackson School

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W. Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

August 30, 1939

Miss Edna R. Voss  
The Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

A number of years ago I recall Dr. Condit telling me that when the city of Sitka purchased its fire truck the school contributed \$500. This fire truck is now badly worn and the city is setting out to secure funds for a new truck for fire fighting. Through the years the city fire truck has been a most satisfactory protection in case of fire. On several occasions it has responded to our alarm system and has been available to aid us in emergencies. In fact, I have felt more secure in knowing that the local company would help us in the case of actual fire than I have felt in our own ability to use our own equipment with our inexperienced boys as firemen, that is, in case of any major fire. We have successfully taken care of a number of small fires ourselves.

What amount do you think we might contribute to the city of Sitka toward the purchase of its new fire truck?

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leslie Yaw".

Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h

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September 22, 1939

My dear Mr. Yaw:

Your letter of September 8th in regard to the question of insurance on the oil storage supply has been received. You say that you were a little puzzled by the letter Miss Ray wrote during the summer, stating that insurance in the amount of \$1,400. was being taken out on this oil. I must confess that we are now a little puzzled by your letter. Probably we have misunderstood your first request.

In your letter of July 24th you asked whether we were carrying insurance on the oil in storage. From this question, it was assumed that you thought it should be insured and we looked up the amount paid for oil last year and placed insurance on that basis. From your letter of September 8th, which has just come in, it would appear to us that you do not think that fire insurance is necessary on this oil since it is well protected from fire. We are inclined to agree but before canceling the insurance want to be perfectly sure just what you have in mind. Please let us know whether you wish to have this canceled entirely or whether you think the amount can be reduced.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Unit  
Educational and Medical Work

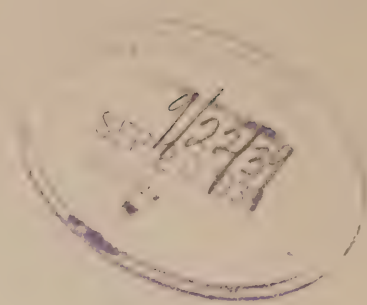
Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska  
FMG:B

# Sheldon Jackson School

SITKA, ALASKA

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W. Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

September 8, 1939

Miss Florence M. Goddard  
The Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

We are a little puzzled regarding the letter Miss Ray sent us on August 4th stating that insurance in amount of \$1400 had been taken out on our oil. We have just taken a new supply of oil and perhaps we should send you a little more information.

This supply is stored in two tanks. The Diesel oil is stored in a large, round steel tank on the hill back of the Museum and is well away from all of our other buildings. This year we took 22,691 gallons at 7 cents a gallon, so the maximum value is a little better than \$1500. The crude oil is stored practically underground in the old coal bunkers adjacent to and near a part of our laundry building. This year we took 1275 barrels of the crude oil, at an approximate value of \$2400. This oil is now well protected from fire, since the walls underground are of heavy concrete more than a foot thick, and the roof of laminated 2 x 4 construction covered with a heavy grade corrugated sheet iron. From September to May this supply of oil steadily decreases, the crude oil at the rate of a little better than four barrels per day, and the Diesel at about 2000 gallons per month.

Very truly yours

*Leslie Yaw*  
Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

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*Miss Goddard*  
*Shall continue the \$1400 awaiting your*  
*word -*



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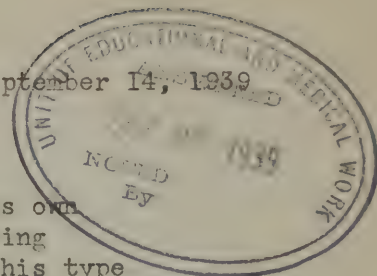
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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM Miss Voss ✓  
TO Dr. Morse  
RE:

DATE September 14, 1939



Here is a letter from Mr. Yaw. Aside from his own statement that the school contributed \$500 toward city fire-fighting apparatus a number of years ago, we have no other precedent for this type of cooperation. I presume that such a contribution could be made a legitimate charge against our Fire Protection Fund, but \$500 is a good big slice from our \$2,000 a year grant. On the other hand good city fire protection undoubtedly saves us yearly expense on our own fire protection. What do you think we might do?

*Edna R. Voss*

Edna R. Voss

ERV:J

*It seems to me such an expenditure is entirely legitimate and probably a good investment in the long run. Perhaps you could make it a little less than \$500.*

1029  
Miss Goddard  
Treasury

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October 5, 1939

Please send to Seattle for deposit in the Sheldon Jackson School account a check for \$500. This is to pay the school's share toward a new fire engine for the local fire department which serves the school and is to be charged to the Sheldon Jackson School Equipment Account. The voucher for this will be sent in later.

FMG:B

Assistant in the Unit

*Am  
1/29*

Miss Goddard  
Mr. Titibus

*Prof  
585*

November 2, 1939

In accordance with our conversation regarding the insurance regarding the insurance on the oil supply at the Sheldon Jackson School, Sitka, Alaska this is to ask you to cancel the insurance now being carried. In view of the fact that the precautions which have been taken would seem to make the loss by fire a rather remote possibility, we feel that we would be reasonably safe in not carrying this insurance.

FMG:B

Assistant in the Unit



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1/15  
November 2, 1939

My dear Mr. Yaw:

Your letter of October 12th in regard to insurance on the oil supply has been received and I have again discussed the matter with Mr. Tribus. In view of the precautions that you have taken safeguarding the oil supply and the fact that it is a decreasing quantity Mr. Tribus feels that we would be reasonably safe in not carrying insurance on this. It would probably be quite expensive to carry it and it is evident that the Board would not be running much risk in not having it.

Very sincerely yours

Assistant in the Unit  
Educational and Medical Work

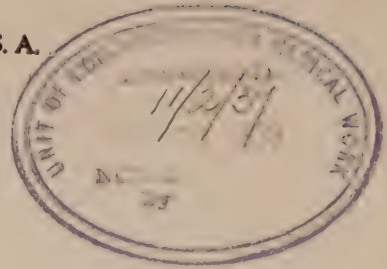
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W. Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

October 12, 1939

Miss Florence M. Goddard  
The Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

Your letter of September 22nd has been received. I am sorry to have complicated matters further in regard to insurance on our oil supply.

In my first letter of July 24th I was only meaning to raise a question regarding such insurance, not wishing to be negligent on my part should any fire occur resulting in the loss of any of our oil supply. The only question I had regarding Miss Ray's letter of August 4th concerned the approximate valuation. Instead of \$1400, the value of our oil has taken in each year is close to or a little above \$4000. Now I feel that we have done everything here which is reasonably possible in safeguarding this oil supply, and that these safeguards as reported in the types of storage tanks which we have should have weight in establishing any insurance rates which are carried. We should now add that we are this year erecting a high wire fence to further safeguard the Diesel oil stored in the steel tank. I can only suggest further that this problem might be given to Mr. Tribus. We think here that loss of any of our oil supply by fire is remote, yet I am not sure that no insurance should be carried, and would like to have the benefit of insurance experts to help us answer this question.

Very truly yours

*Leslie Yaw*  
Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h

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Pup

Dec 19 1939

My dear Mr. Yaw:

As Miss Voss has just returned from a six weeks absence and is busy trying to catch up with the accumulated mail, she has asked me to acknowledge your letter of December 4th in regard to the Board's contribution to Sitka for a new fire truck. We are interested to know that this contribution has helped the city so materially in making up the amount needed and that they are so appreciative of our help. Sitka does seem to have a very good fire record. This, however, would probably not make any difference in our insurance rates on the school property since all of the Board property is insured under a blanket policy. Because of the volume of our insurance we are able to secure a very low rate. We do appreciate, however, your bringing this to our attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Unit  
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska  
FMG:B



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W. Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

December 4, 1939

Miss Edna R. Voss  
The Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

We have made our contribution to the City of Sitka for the new fire truck. It was most welcomely received and did add substantially to the fire truck fund. It has added as well to the good feeling between the firemen and the school. As this new truck materializes and is actually available, I feel certain that the investment the Board has made is a very fine one. We have so many frame buildings on our campus that should any major fire develop we would need the full whole-hearted cooperation of the Sitka firemen to handle the situation. In thinking of this now I do not recall that any questions have ever been asked us regarding insurance rates. We are of course within the city limits, and I am wondering if the underwriters of our insurance would be interested in the fire record for Sitka, and if perchance that might result in a somewhat lower insurance rate.

Sitka Fire Record Oct. 6, 1938 - Oct. 4, 1939

45 alarms	
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ (average) men responded	
Value of property	\$170,705
Insurance on buildings and contents	115,700
Loss on " " "	1,741.50
Loss per capita based on population of 2000-	.87 $\frac{3}{4}$

Should there be any other questions regarding our buildings we would be glad to give any additional information helpful in establishing insurance rates.

Very truly yours

*Leslie Yaw*  
Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h

# SITKA SENTINEL

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SITKA, ALASKA, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1939

TEN CENTS

## FISHERMEN ON COAST WANT FEDERAL RELIEF

PORTLAND, Nov. 28-(UP)--Delegates representing a hundred thousand union employes of the Pacific Coast fishing industry today demanded federal relief for all workers who are idle as the result of curtailment of the Bristol Bay operations.

Delegates to the meeting here in Portland said that the government ordered the operations in the area curtailed 50 per cent as a conservation measure.

## FISHING UNIONS BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR 1940 CONTRACTS WITH EMPLOYERS

PORTLAND, Nov. 28-(UP)--Representatives of 18 Pacific coast fishermen's unions will vote this evening or early tomorrow on the basis for terms of contracts with employers, to be negotiated soon.

Contracts for 1940 involve both CIO and A. F. of L. unions, and it is planned that each of the participating groups will draft individual contracts on the basis of a master plan that was adopted today.

## OAKLAND DOCK TIE-UP IS ENDED

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28-(UP)--Warehousemen who have been tying up the Port of Oakland for several weeks agreed with employers and returned to work this morning.

Meanwhile, San Francisco is still tied up because of the strike of the dock-checkers. Governor Culbert Olson today

(Continued on page 11)

## City Gets \$1500 For Fire Truck

A new fire truck and all the accompanying modern fire equipment is almost a certainty for Sitka, it was made public today when the committee, appointed last Friday by the city council to solicit public contributions for the purpose of buying new fire protection equipment, reported the total receipts collected.

A total of \$1500 was gathered by members of the committee in a two-day drive. At the end of the first day \$1428.50 had been contributed. It is expected that the goal of \$2000 will be reached soon. The truck can be ordered when a \$2000 down payment is made, Mayor Tom Tilson stated.

If the truck is ordered, the city council will take over the remaining payments, Tilson said. Standard fire-fighting equipment will come with the truck and will be serviced by companies on the Pacific coast.

The committee appointed by the city council is composed of Mayor Tilson, Fire Chief Art Franklin, and Garrison Turner.

## BOARD TO CONSIDER ENLARGING SCHOOL

Plans for enlarging the facilities of the Sitka Territorial school will be brought up tonight at a regular meeting of the school board of this district.

Due to a 30 per cent increase in the enrollment of the school, and prospect of

(Continued on page 11)



## HERE AND THERE IN ALASKA—

Another slide last Friday morning again suspended operations of the Alaska Juneau mine. Steve Sopko, a miner working on the just-rebuilt track, was injured by falling rock and was taken to St. Ann's Hospital. The tram track had been newly repaired following the main slide earlier in the week.

Twenty-five tons of mining machinery was recently flown into the Selukwe mine on the Unuk river, with 25 more tons still to be taken in before the lake on which it is landed is frozen over.

Lorin T. Oldroyd, director of Agriculture experiment stations and of the co-operation extension service of the Matanuska Valley colony, declared that damage to crops in the colony in the unusually early snow storm recently was not nearly so bad as reported.

Anchorage property was appraised this year at \$4,354,162, an increase of \$764,032 over the assessed valuation of last year.

Sam O. White, flying wild life agent with headquarters in Fairbanks, will soon be putting into the air the first Alaska-owned game control plane. The plane is a 90-horsepower two-seated Lambert monocoupe, product of an Indiana factory and costing around \$4000. It will be equipped with skis.

The Daily Alaska Empire reports that construction work at Yakutat has started on a major range (beam) station for the Civil Aeronautics Authority. One hundred tons of supplies and equipment and 14 men left for Yakutat with CAA Construction Superintendent Verne Rowley on the Alaska.

Fairbanks oldest labor union, the Carpenters' Union, wound up 1939 business this month and made tentative plans for 1940. The first Tuesday in April was set as the 4th "annual" meeting.

(Continued on page 8)

### FRANK PARKER DIES AT HOME

Frank Parker died November 21, 1939, at the Pioneers' Home. He was born in Bangor, Maine, November 27, 1868, and came to Alaska in 1899, where he followed trapping in and around Rampart until coming to the Home. His wife and six children, some residing at Holy Cross, survive him.

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## PHONE 49



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P. H. H. H.

EXTRA CCOPY

April 2, 1940

My dear Miss Lawrence:

Our insurance broker has been checking up our various properties rather carefully recently and has been looking into the location of buildings, particularly as to their nearness to each other. In this connection they have been seeking a survey of the Haines property which would give this information. We do not seem to have an up-to-date survey and rather than going to the expense of having a regular survey made it has been suggested that someone at Haines House make a rough sketch of the property for us which will show the location of the buildings in their relation to each other. Can you or Mr. Swets do this? The sketch need not be accurate but should be drawn to scale as nearly as possible and the distance between each building should be indicated. We shall appreciate it if you can let us have this as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Unit  
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
PNC:B

Important!  
We want much more than this  
The have no idea apparently what we own  
in Alaska - or what our needs & wants are  
- of what it consists - woods, cleared land  
etc - where Mr. Swets' property  
which we lost is etc  
etc etc -  
G.P.B.

*Miss*  
Miss Goddard  
Miss Gladfelter

*142*  
*Haines R.*  
May 27, 1940

When Mr. Swets was in the office the other day he handed me the attached sketch of the Haines House property which Miss Baker has reduced in size for convenience in answer to your letter of April 2nd to Miss Lawrence. I went over this with Mr. Swets and compared it against the attached survey which the Treasurer's Office sent down on May 20th with the request that we check the various buildings listed on the attached sheet. Mr. Swets stated that since the root house has been torn down and a root cellar constructed in one of the buildings this need no longer be listed separately for insurance purposes. We should, however, list the new shop, woodshed and garage at an estimated value of \$500.

KEG:B

Katharine E. Gladfelter

# INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

## BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO  
FROM  
RE:

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Miss Gladfelter

DATE May 27, 1940

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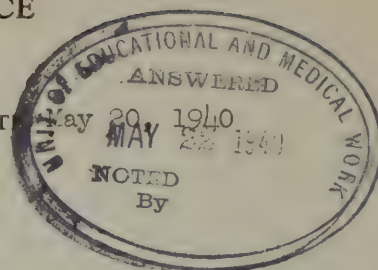


INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM Helen Dawson  
TO Office of Miss Goddard  
RE: Haines, Alaska - Logan, Utah

DATE



I am referring to you the attached and shall appreciate it if you  
will provide the desired information.

Miss Dawson  
Miss Goddard

June 17, 1940

Prop  
Haines House

Attached is the copy of the plan of the Haines House, Haines, Alaska property which Mr. Dyack requested.

This memorandum is also to request that you cancel insurance on roothouse \$450. as this has been torn down and take out insurance on the shop, woodshed and garage at an estimated value of \$500.

(B)

Assistant in the Unit

Att. [illegible]

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Line Board's Property

266.54 acres

Fort Seward Reserve

Line Board's Property

Town line

farm

Proposed Air Field

U.S.  
Clay  
Reserve

Road

The Town

Church

Miner's House

The Bay



*Pag  
Haines*

July 12, 1940

Mr. Varian Banks  
General Delivery  
Littleton, New Hampshire

Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Banks:

We received the following telegram today from John W. Swets of Haines, Alaska:

"POSSIBILITY OF ARMY AIR PORT BASE LOCATING HERE IF SO WILL  
NEED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY ACRES OF BOARD PROPERTY LOCATED  
IN NORTHWEST CORNER WHAT CAN I TELL INSPECTOR DUE HERE JULY  
EIGHTEENTH DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MR BANKS LAST SPRING"

Dr. Morse and Miss Gladfelter are looking the matter up. I have wired Dr. King at Portland, Oregon and am sending an air mail letter to Mr. Wonacott, who is expected in Portland on Monday.

I wonder if you can let me have any information you may have on this subject.

I hope you are having a grand time and burning up the golf course. Best wishes -

Cordially yours,

C. H. Wonacott, Treasurer  
by:

Moore Gates, Assistant  
to the Treasurer

MG:EH

Am  
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July 12, 1940

My dear Miss Voss:

I am enclosing a copy of a telegram which came today to Dr. Wonacott from Mr. Swets in his capacity of Mayor of Haines. I am also enclosing a rough sketch of the Board's property at Haines which would seem to indicate that the twenty acres referred to in the telegram lie in the section of our holdings near the United States Military Reserve. Have you any judgment as to whether or not the twenty acres could be sold to the Government without damaging our property and program? I am wiring Miss Lawrence today for her recommendation.

Mr. Gates is writing to Dr. King who is now in Portland. Mr. Swets did not discuss this project when I saw him last spring and the Treasury can find no memorandum of a conversation with Mr. Bankes so is writing Mr. Bankes also.

Very sincerely yours,

Katherine E. Gladfelter  
Assistant Secretary, Unit of  
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Edna R. Voss  
Island Inn  
Monhegan, Maine  
KEG:B  
Enc.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

C. N. Wonacott  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Possibility of Army Air Port Base located here. If so will need approximately twenty acres of Board property located in Northwest corner. What can I tell Inspector due here July eighteenth. Discussed matter with Mr. Banks last Spring.

John W. Swets



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*Prop*  
*Haines*

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

Swets as Mayor wires Possibility of Army Air Port Base locating here if so will need approximately twenty acres of Board property located in northwest corner what can I tell inspector due here July eighteenth. Stop. What is your judgment. Wire reply by Monday. Also consulting Voss now on vacation.

Katharine E. Gladfelter

Board of National Missions  
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156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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Miss Edna R. Voss  
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E.R.B.

*I know only in a general way where this is - out towards Monhegan and Mr. Swets' farm + on or near the rear road from the port to the village of Haines. As I remember it to do with this section.*

*1. Mr. Swets had us discuss elsewhere discussing this with Mr. Bankes instead of this office.*

*2. Can't seem to get one in authority with a clear detailed description in given us*

*3. Is it cleared or covered with brush? Does it adjoin Mr. Swets' farm which he wants to do and says is indispensable to us?*

*4. Why write King?? Suppose because he may have heard something about this from people there last year?*

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R. B. WHITE  
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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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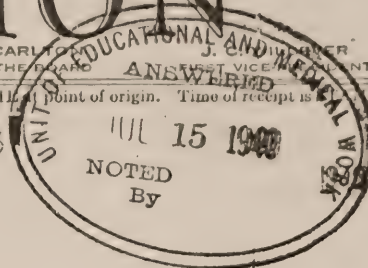
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MISS KATHERINE GLADFELTER:

156 FIFTH AVE NYK=



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PROBABLY ADVISABLE TO SELL PROPERTY ALTHOUGH LAND IN QUESTION WOULD BE EASIEST AND BEST TO CLEAR IN ADVENT OF SWETS LAND SOLD AND HOME DESIRES TO CONTINUE DAIRY=LAWRENCE.

GLADFELTER.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



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July 17, 1940

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

Have wired Swots Board will desire cooperate Government every way possible and have suggested inspecitor confer with you and him and submit detailed proposition. Property was secured under Government patent so recommend if proposition materializes possibility of exchange which would give Board another tract suitable dairy purposes later if needed, be explored.

Katharine E. Gladfelter

Board of National Missions of the  
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- DAY LETTER -

July 17, 1940

MR. JOHN W. SWETS  
HAINES  
ALASKA

copy for Miss Gladfelter

BOARD WILL DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. SUGGEST  
GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR CONFER WITH MISS LAWRENCE AND YOU AND SUBMIT DEFINITE  
PROPOSITION FOR ACTION BY THIS BOARD OUTLINING FULLY WHAT IS PROPOSED.

MOORE GATES for C. N. WONACOTT



Haines, Alaska.  
July 20 1940

Dear Dr. Wenacott:

While in New York previous to attending General Assembly I stopped in at your office but was sorry to find you not there. However I had a very enjoyable visit with Mr. Banks.

We discussed the property situation here at Haines one of which was a proposed air field for Haines. At that time I could say only that there was a possibility and should it materialize some of the Boards property would be required.

About a week ago the commanding officer of the Army Post here suggested that I wire you and see if this property could be obtained. You will recall my wire in which I mentioned that twenty acres of Board property would be needed to make a suitable field. However after the Army inspector looked over the ground it was decided that a strip three hundred feet wide and eight hundred feet long which amounts to a little less than six acres will be all that will be needed of Board property. I have outlined this in ink on an old blue print which I am enclosing in this letter.

The General also informed us that for the war department to buy this land it would have to take an act of congress and so perhaps take as long as two years. He is of the opinion that an air field is needed here and not after a few years but at once so upon advice from the commanding officer here at the post the Haines Chamber of Commerce is negotiating to secure the necessary property and donate it to the War Department. Since the Town of Haines would donate the air field it would also serve as a municipal air field allowing commercial planes to land there.

As you will notice this three hundred feet wide strip runs clear across my own property and on to the river flats for some distance. My land is all cleared and practically level on this strip so that small planes could land there right now. What the Army Post here proposes to do after they secure the field is to ask for an appropriation to improve the air field so that the larger Army planes can land there. One engineer who looked over the ground stated that twenty five thousand dollars would build an air field there that any land plane in existence could land on. About two thirds of this amount would have to be spent on the strip of Board property. This eight hundred feet of Board property is needed to make the three thousand feet runway required for the large Army bombers.

This six acres of Board property is as you will notice located along the road in about the N.W. corner of the Boards holdings. It consists of raw land covered with a heavy growth of willow, alder, and some scrub spruce trees. The timber is of no value whatever and for years I have offered it to both natives and whites for the cutting so that the land could at least be used for pasture but after a few days one and all decided that they were paying a big price for their firewood.

As for farm land it cannot be cleared and drained for less than \$300.00 an acre. The present value of the land is averaged at \$15.00 an acre. I have had three different parties appraise this property unofficially of course and this is their figure. Which means that the strip as it now stands is worth about \$90.00.

cont'd..



Of course there is this to take into consideration that it takes a narrow strip out of a now almost square piece of property. On the other hand the commanding officer tells me that should the war department acquire this strip ~~subsequently~~ they will ask for permission to clear an additional strip of about eight hundred feet along to the east of the field so that the plans will have a clear vision of the field in landing. This additional strip will remain the property of the Board and can be used for pasture and eventually cleared for farm land if desired. This additional strip is also covered with willow, alder and scrub spruce and in its present condition is of no value only as an investment for the future.

The air field will be of considerable value to Haines and the community at large. It will help materially in keeping the Army Post here and altho having the Post here has its drawbacks without the Post there will be no town which naturely means no boat service leaving us stranded here.

I dont exactly appreciating<sup>e</sup> having a long narrow strip of land taken clear across the whole front of my own property and a strip taken out of the Boards property but am convinced that we will gain far more than we will lose.

Will you please wire me the Boards decision as to their property. The people of Haines and the Post Officers are anxious to get started. Also will you please return the enclosed blue print as this is the only one I have showing the Boards property lines.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) John W. Swets

July 25, 1940

AIRMAIL

My dear Miss Lawrence:

I am enclosing a copy of a telegram which we are sending Mr. Swans today in reply to a rather lengthy letter in which he indicated that the land which would be needed by the Government for the proposed air field ~~was~~ covers about six acres rather than twenty as we thought at first and that these six acres would comprise a strip approximately 300' x 500' in the southeast corner of the Board's property. Mr. Swans pointed out in his letter that the proposed airfield would include a strip across a property which the Board is now renting. He made not comment, however, as to whether or not this would affect the usefulness of the property as far as the Haines House program is concerned. I wish you would let us know, therefore, whether Mr. Swans' plan will still be adequate for dairy purposes should we continue to rent it or whether if the airfield is located in Haines it would be necessary for us to develop part of our own holdings. Mr. Swans suggested in his letter that the strip on our land to the east of the proposed airfield which the Government would wish to clear might be suitable for grazing purposes. Should we have to use our own land would such a cleared strip be adequate or would it be necessary to clear more of our property?

Please let us have your reply airmail so that if the airfield proposition does come to a head we shall know just what its implications are for our farm program at Haines. In particular, we want to know whether there are any additional costs involved in any of the possibilities suggested above.

Very sincerely yours,

Katherine E. Gladfelter  
Assistant Secretary, Unit of  
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines, Alaska  
ZMS:B  
Enc.



c.c. Mr. Wonnacott  
Dr. Morse  
Miss Gladfelter ✓

July 26, 1940

Mr. John S. Swets  
Haines  
Alaska

Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Swets:

In the absence of Mr. Wonnacott I have been taking care of this matter of the Haines, Alaska property. Your letter of July 20th arrived this morning and I got hold of Dr. Morse and Miss Gladfelter, and we sent you the following day letter:

"ASSUMING YOU HAVE CLEARED WITH MISS LAWRENCE, BOARD WILL DEED GOVERNMENT PLOT 300 BY 600 FEET, INDICATED ON PLAN, FOR USE AS AIR BASE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER, AND ON UNDERSTANDING THAT GOVERNMENT WILL CLEAR ADJOINING PLOT OF BOARD LAND OF EQUAL SIZE WITHOUT EXPENSE TO BOARD."

Miss Gladfelter is checking the property on our maps and we will then return the blue print to you, as per your request.

I presume you have consulted with Miss Lawrence on this whole matter, though you do not say so in your letter. If for any reason you have not, I suggest your getting in touch with her right away, so that there may be no misunderstandings later.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

C. N. Wonnacott, Treasurer  
by: 

Moore Gates, Assistant  
to the Treasurer

MS:EM



Haines, Alaska  
July 27, 1940.

Dear Dr. Wonacott,

Mr. Banks has requested that I send you a list of the lots on which the rentals have been paid and to what date. Also the lots from which tenants have been evicted and a third list of the lots that remain unleased but are available for rental.

First the lots on which rentals have been paid and to what date,

- Lot 4 Block 2 Johnnie Abbot 25 ft. wide strip of this lot on which he has a blacksmith shop.
- Lot 7 Block 2 Johnnie Abbot on which he has his house.  
Rental paid on these two lots until Oct. 1, 1939. Recently he put in a dollars worth of work for Haines House and requested that it be applied to his years rent so I will collect only one dollar from him this Fall.
- Lot 2 Block 4 Eli Gibson. Rental paid until Oct. 1, 1939. This rental was paid in labor for Haines House. Did not have the cash last Fall.
- Lot 3 Block 4 Mrs. Eddie Warren. Rental paid until Oct. 1, 1939.
- Lot 4 Block 4 J. W. Brown Rental paid until Oct. 1, 1939.

Erick Oslund a lot 100 ft. by 125 ft. in dimentions located 412 ft. from corner No. 2 of the U. S. Military Reservation Rental paid until May 1, 1940.

Lots from which tenants have been evicted.

- Lot 5 Block 2 Ed Shotridge
- Lot 6 Block 2 Mrs. Thomas Willis House still on lot but not occupied and action has been taken to have house removed.
- Lot 2 Block 3 Mrs. Janet Johnson
- Lot 3 and 4 Block 3 Mrs. James King.
- Lot 5 Block 3 Mrs. James Watson
- Lot 1 Block 4 Judson Brown
- Lot 5 Block 4 John Benson
- Lot 6 Block 4 Mrs. Mary Donally Whittaker.
- Lot 1 Block 5 John Jackson
- Lot 2 Block 5 John L. Ward.
- Lot 8 Block 5 Willie Lee (Lot 1 Block 2 Town Fire Hall

Enclosed find a pencil sketch of the lots as requested by Mr. Banks.

Have received Mr. Moore Gates wire in regards to the land to be used for an air field. Miss Jessie Ogg was here at the time and requested to see the wire.

There have been no further developments but have reasons to believe that it will materialize. If they clear the adjoining six acres I feel that the Board is getting a good price for the six acres you offered to give them. To clear the brush off of the adjoining six acres will cost no less than \$1000.00.

Sorry to have kept you waiting for this information so long but have been unusually busy since my return from attending General Assembly.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN W. SWETS

P.S. Started making a pencil sketch and tried to put it on a sheet of paper this size so it could be enclosed in this letter but the lines and figures had to be so small that they were not readable. This letter will have to be mailed on the boat as the Post Office will not be open before the boat leaves. The description of the lots was taken from a survey of 1928 by Frank Metcalf.



July 20, 1940

FROM Miss Gladfelter  
TO Mr. Eribus

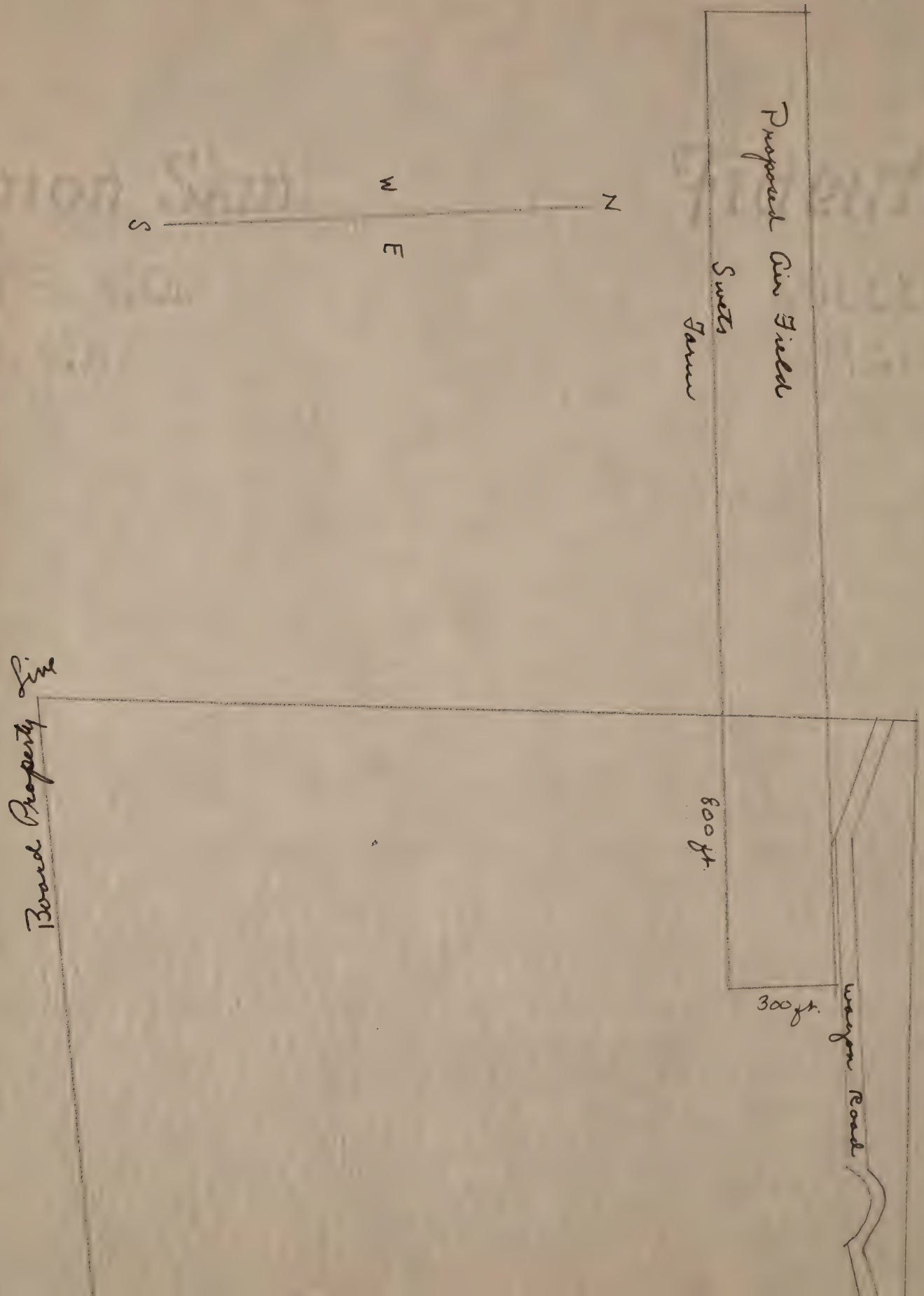
During your absence Mr. Cates and Dr. Morse and I have conferred a couple of times in regard to a proposition from Mr. Swets, Mayor of Haines, Alaska, that the Board deed part of its property at Haines to the Government for use in developing an air field. In order to indicate the site of the field in relation to the Board's property Mr. Swets sent a survey of 1915 on which he had indicated the location of the field. Since this had to be returned to him we made two tracings. I am now attaching one and am keeping the other for our files.

KMG:B  
Att.

Katharine E. Gladfelter



Haines House, Haines, Alaska (Survey 1915)





August 2, 1940

copy for Mr. Gates

Miss Gladfelter ✓

Mr. John W. Swets  
Haines  
Alaska

Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Swets:

I have just returned from vacation and read the recent correspondence concerning the land desired by the government for an air field.

Will you have the government surveyors give us a metes and bounds description of the property which we are to convey to the government, as it relates to the property we now own.

Sincerely,

C. E. Womacott, Treasurer  
by:

L. E. Tribus, Assistant  
to the Treasurer

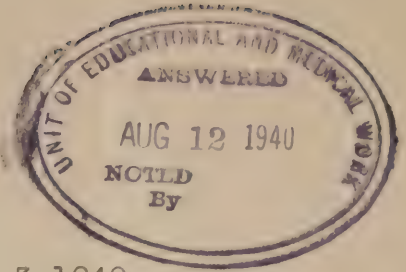
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# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

Conducted by

The Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.



Harriett A. Lawrence, Director

Aug. 3, 1940

AIRMAIL

Miss Katherine Gladfelter,  
186 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

While Miss Ogg was here Col. Hoisington, Commanding Officer at the Post took us out and showed us just what land was needed for the proposed Air Base. It seems to me that if they would clear an equal amount of land this side that could be used for grazing the Home would be benefited by the transaction. Also I think there is enough of Mr Swets' land for our use. -

However I would insist on an <sup>agreement</sup> ~~an~~ reactionary clause to the effect that if the land ceased to be used for this purpose it would be given back to the Board. It is my opinion that if the army takes over the proposition it may amount to something but if as some wish it is a municipal affair it will not. The town already has three PWA projects which in some way have been mismanaged and have not been completed satisfactorily.

No, I can't see as there would be any expense to the Board involved.

Sincerely,

Harriett A. Lawrence



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NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

August 7, 1940.

John W. Swets,  
Haines, Alaska.

Clarifying our telegram of July twenty-sixth would advise that the quote understanding that Government will clear adjoining plot of Board land of equal size without expense to the Board quote was included and intended as full permission to clear additional land required for a clear vision in approaching runway.

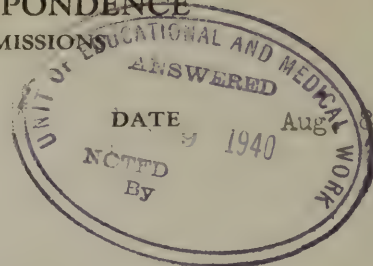
C. N. Womacott

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FROM L. H. Tribus  
TO Miss K. Gladfelter  
RE: Haines, Alaska



1940.

Attached you will find a copy of telegram and following letter which has been approved by Mr. Wonacott.

In my conference with you, you stated if it was necessary or desirable we could utilize the additional piece of land which would be cleared, but not used, by the Government, for such pasturage as it affords; there would seem to be no objection to so using it, providing the Government would approve and that such cattle as may be placed thereon will not be scared to death through the zooming over their heads of the various planes which would use the runway, and possibly cause our orphans at Haines to be served with buttermilk instead of the usual supply.

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VB/MT

August 8, 1940.

Mr. John W. Swets,  
Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Swets:

Upon my return to the office I reviewed the correspondence had with you regarding the desire of the U.S. Government that the Board give to it outright a strip of land 300 x 800 ft., to be taken from our property at Haines in order to provide an additional and necessary strip of land for a runway in connection with the proposed new airfield at Haines. My full approval is given to the decision reached as recorded in the telegram sent you under date of July 26th last. As I reviewed that telegram, however, and in view of the desire of this Board to cooperate with the Government in every way possible in this connection, I felt it would be advisable to make it perfectly clear what was intended by the decision conveyed to you in said telegram, hence to remove any possible misunderstanding I wired you as follows:

"Clarifying our telegram of July twenty-sixth would advise that the quote understanding that Government will clear adjoining plot of Board land of equal size without expense to the Board unquote was included and intended as full permission to clear additional land required for a clear vision in approaching runway."

It is understood that the piece of land 300 x 800 will be duly surveyed by the Government and that the variations, notes and bounds thereof will be fully described in the deed of transfer, which deed will be formulated by the representatives of the Government and forwarded to us for execution. We would like to have this description so made as to enable this transfer to be readily noted on the blue print of the property which we have. It would be helpful if a *description* such additional land as may be cleared in accord with the foregoing advice, be also furnished so we may record same likewise on our blue print, all of which data can be furnished to us when and as it may be made available by the Government representatives.

If, after full investigation is made, the Government officials desire an additional piece of land because of change in plans, it will not be necessary to refer the matter to us; you as agent of the Board, in charge of the whole property, are authorized to cooperate effectively in any change of plans, as we wish the Government to recognize our readiness to cooperate with their plans insofar as they

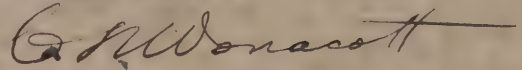


Mr. John W. Swets.....#2

Aug. 9, 1940.

relate to property needed from our holdings, as such plans are  
of major importance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. N. Wonacott", followed by a horizontal line.

C. N. Wonacott, Treasurer. *WJ*

VB/MT

C O P Y

HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

CITY OF HAINES

Incorporated January 24, 1910

Haines, Alaska

August 22, 1940

The National Board of Missions

New York City, New York

Gentlemen:

The Haines Common Council has requested me to write you asking permission to use the three lots adjoining the Haines Public School as a playground for the school.

It will be understood that at any time that the lots are no longer used for that purpose, they will revert back to the Board of Missions.

May we hear from you soon regarding this matter?

Very truly yours

(signed) Vera Midkiff

City Clerk

Board of National Missions

Unit of Educational and Medical Work

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

September 6, 1940

*Post  
Haines*

Board eager to cooperate with Government in every way so Dr. Wonacott wired Mr. Swets as mayor as follows. Quote. Replying letter twentieth will cooperate with Government and make available required land. Authorize you proceed with negotiations. Request you keep Miss Lawrence informed. Letter following. Unquote.

Edna R. Voss



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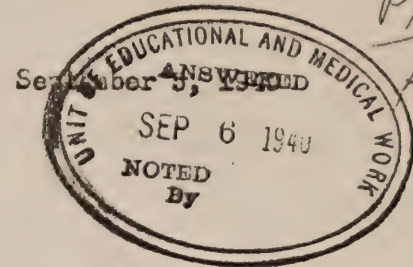
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Copy for Miss Voss ✓  
Mr. Tribus

Mr. John W. Swets  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska



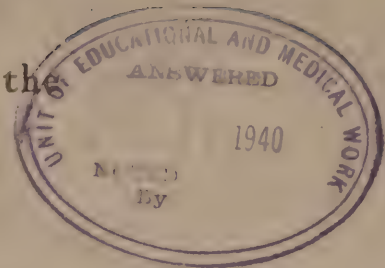
Replying letter twentieth will cooperate with government and make available required land Stop Authorize you proceed with negotiations Stop Request you keep Miss Lawrence informed Letter following

C. E. Monacott  
by Moore Gates

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

INCORPORATED APRIL 24, 1923 BY  
ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.



September 17, 1940.

Memorandum to - Mr. Wonacott  
Dr. Morse  
Miss Voss ✓  
Mr. Tribus

From - Mr. Gates  
Re: Property at Haines, Alaska

Attached is copy of a letter from the Common Council of the City of Haines, Alaska; and I quote from a letter dated August 31, 1940 from John W. Swets:

"I am also enclosing a letter from the City Clerk of The Haines Common Council. The lots referred to are Lots 2, 3, and 4 of Block 3. They have been using lot 2 of this group for sometime as there is no fence either around the school yard or these lots. This of course was unofficially. Lots 3 and 4 are pretty well covered with brush which they want to clear off and level off the ground. I would suggest that we either lease them these three lots at a small charge and say for a five year period or let them use the lots with the understanding that at any time the lots are no longer used for school purposes they revert back to the Board. The reason I suggest a five year period is because considerable work in line of clearing and grading will have to be done on this ground before it can be used for a playground. Please advise what to do in regards to this."

The ground for the school was conveyed to the City by the Home Board, for school purposes.

Usage of land - subject to reversion rights - leads to many misunderstandings later about title, in case claims are made. I, therefore, recommend we lease lots 2, 3, and 4 of Block 3 to the City of Haines for \$25. per year (or less) on a five year lease, and so instruct Mr. Swets.

Moore Gates

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS, UNIT OF  
EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL WORK

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September 18, 1940

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

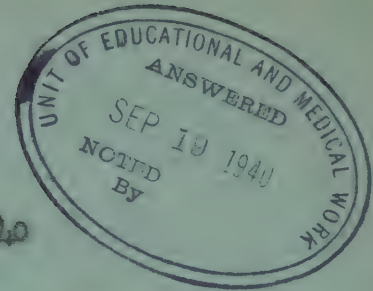
Is there any reason why Board should not lease lots two three and four of block three to city of Haines for additional play space requested for public school. Please wire reply.

Edna R. Voss



INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS



TO  
FROM  
RE:

Mr. Gates, Mr. Wonnacott, Dr. Morse, Miss Voss  
Mr. Tribus  
Haines, Alaska

DATE 9/18/40

I have read the copy of Mr. Swets' letter of August 31, 1940, and the copy of letter from the Common Council of the City of Haines, and agree that it would be well to lease the property to the City of Haines, as recommended by Mr. Gates.

L. H. Tribus

L. H. Tribus

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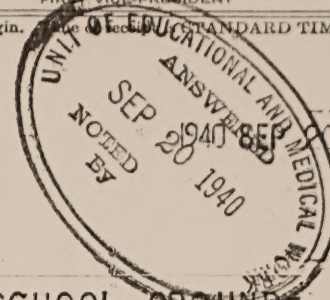
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MISS EDNA R VOSS=

156 FIFTH AVE NYK



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=HEARTILY APPROVE LEAVING LOTS FOR SCHOOL GROUND=

LAWRENCE.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



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Mr. Gates  
Miss Voss

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Hansen  
September 20, 1940

I am sorry not to have been able to get in touch with you earlier but Board meeting and a Woman's Committee meeting immediately after meant that I did not see Miss Lawrence's telegram which came in this morning until a few moments ago. She wires, "Heartily approve leasing lots for school ground".

This office concurs in Miss Lawrence's and your approval under the conditions that you have suggested in your memorandum of September 17 to Mr. Wonacott, Dr. Morse, Mr. Tribus, and me.

ERV:J

Edna R. Voss



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CC: Mr. Wonacott  
Dr. Morse  
Mr. Gates  
Miss Voss ✓

September 25, 1940

UNIT OF EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL WORK  
ANSWERED  
SEP 25  
NOTED  
BY

Mr. John W. Swets  
Haines  
Alaska

Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Swets:

I enclose herewith a lease which I have prepared, leasing Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 3, Haines, to the Haines Common Council. As I do not know whether this lease complies with the territorial laws of Alaska, I suggest that before having same executed by the Haines Common Council that it be referred to our attorneys, Faulkner and Banfield, or if this be not practical, to the attorney for the Haines Common Council.

The most important clause in the lease is that which relates to indemnifying the Board in case of accident. Our general counsel has advised the Board that children's playgrounds are a source of origin for a great deal of litigation as the result of injuries occurring to infants. We cannot afford to jeopardize our trust funds; therefore, it is essential that a liability insurance policy with a first rate casualty company protecting the Board's interest as it may appear be returned to the treasurer's office along with the executed lease and the first year's consideration.

You will note that I have used the description given in your letter of August 31, 1940 to Mr. Wonacott. Will you please check the records and be sure that the Board of National Missions owns these lots, as the description in the deed which we hold covering property in Haines does not contain lot numbers.

Cordially yours,

C. N. Wonacott, Treasurer  
by: *E. H. Tribus*

E. H. Tribus, Assistant  
to the Treasurer

LHT:cs



1940

*Haines*

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 1st day of November 1940 by and between the BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, with an office and principal place of business at 156 Fifth Avenue, City, County and State of New York, hereinafter known as the Landlord, and the HAINES COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Haines, Territory of Alaska, incorporated under the Territorial laws of the Territory of Alaska on January 24, 1910, hereinafter known as the Tenant

WITNESSETH, That the said Landlord has letten, and by these presents does grant, demise and to farm let, unto the said Tenant and the said Tenant does hereby take from the said Landlord the following described property:

~~Alaska~~ Lots 2, 3, and 4, Block 3, City of Haines, Territory of Alaska

for a period of five years commencing on the 1st day of November 1940 and ending on the 31st day of October 1945, to be used only as a public playground.

AND the said Tenant hereby covenants and agrees to pay to the said Landlord an annual rent of Two Dollars (\$2.00) payable on the 1st day of November each and every year to the Treasurer of the Landlord at his office at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

AND that at the expiration of the said term the said Tenant will quit and surrender the premises hereby demised in as good state and condition as they were in at the commencement of the term.

AND that the Landlord agrees that the Tenant shall have the free use of all fruit, vegetables and other products of the premises during the term of this lease, and the Tenant agrees that the Tenant will permit no waste or injury to the trees.

AND that the Tenant agrees to observe all laws in effect in the Territory of Alaska and in the City of Haines pertaining to the proper administration, management and control of playgrounds and to hold the Landlord harmless from injury occurring to any person or persons, adults or infants, as the result of an accident occurring to said person or persons on the afore described property, whether said accident be due to the neglect of the Tenant or not.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBY-  
TERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

By (Signed) John W. Swets

HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

By (Signed) Vera Midkiff City Clerk

By (Signed) John W. Swets, Mayor

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